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#### **IDENTITY CARD AND** DRIVING LICENCE

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An artist's impression of how the new identity card could look

## oward's take-your-pick card

Four options as ministers agree to choice over Union Jack after dispute about ID-card symbols

The outcome of the dispute, including a photo identity but without the disputed symbols.

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Michael White Political Editor

■HE Home Secretary Michael Howard, will today announce a compromise solution on the vexed question of Britain's new identity card, under which Northern Ireland's nationalist community will be able to avoid embracing a document bearing

After weeks of inter-depart-mental wrangling, John and Union flags plus the Major is said to have person-

ally approved the deal whereby three options will be available to obtain a credit card-style ID card with or without a driver's licence in

mainland Britain — plus a fourth choice for Northern Ireland citizens. The expected options are: a plastic driver's licence bearing both the EU flag and

a plastic voluntary ID card, with EU flag and Royal Crest;
 a combined ID card and

involving the Home and For-eign Offices as well as the Northern Ireland Office and Department of Transport, is a victory of sorts for Mr Howard, wearing his patriotic hat. He had pioneered the case for including the Union Jack on the proposed ID card alongside the 12-star symbol of the European Union, which has agreed to standardise its

driving licence — with which the voluntary ID card will be merged for most people.

The deal, which had been resisted by Northern Ireland ministers keep not in further.

bruise delicate nationalist | stitute passport in many | as well is bound to have ap-feelings during the summer | countries. | pealed to his enthusiasm for marching season, will allow | But the elaborate compro | American solutions which the province's 1.5 million citizens to seep their existing driving licence arrangements

For 35 million drivers in mainland Britain the option to sign on for a combined ID card and driver's licence, with a likely £15 fee, may be on offer as early as next year. The DoT, which agreed to a Euro-licence last year, was planning to press ahead regardless of the parallel de-bate on ID cards.

at least until 2001.

Since the police, civil lib-erty groups, and many Tory MPs have insisted that the ID card be voluntary, the bait ministers keen not to further | across Europe, and as a sub-

mise means that those who opt to retain a separate driver's licence will have one with the EU's 12-star symbol on it, plus the Union Jack. Those opting for an ID card alone will find it sports the EU's stars plus the Royal Crest, judged less provocative to anti-union opinion.

Unsurprisingly, those who are neither Irish nationalists nor ardent English Euro-sceptics can opt for a combined card which boasts all three symbols, Whitehall sources indicated last night. Mr Howard is expected to flesh out

But the idea of a driver's licence acting as a non-com-

pealed to his enthusiasm for are, in theory at least, both practical and libertarian.

Tory Euro-sceptics, sensi-tive to even symbolic erosions of national independence, see the practical gains of EU-wide standardisation as more than outweighed by a spurious drive for uniformity by Brussels, backdoor federal sm, much as they viewed the burgudy-coloured EU pass-port with distaste.

A uniform ID card would reinforce the widespread European emphasis on inter-nal controls. Tory sceptics are determined to retain traditional border controls at Dover and elsewhere.

pulsory but de facto ID card | Leader comment, page 8

Ronnie and Reggie

start life fighting

## **Gun lobby** hires PR to combat poor image

Michael White Political Editor

RITAIN'S 1 million shooters are being urged to drop camou-flage gear on shooting ranges and wear collar and tie for television interviews, by a public relations firm hired to improve their mage.
Public Relations Guide for

Shooters, produced by John Kendall Associates and seen by the Guardian, advises gun enthusiasts to make their case to what are described as opinion-formers by not using "humanoid" shooting targets, and avoiding military-style camouflage uniforms. Members of the gun lobby

are being urged to join a cam-paign to persuade voters, MPs and the media that "lawful gun ownership" is essential to the safe, healthy and classspite tragedies like the Dun-blane massacre. "Casual but respectable

clothing on the range or shooting ground, and a collar, may be boring, but it is 'safe'," advises the 18-page Shooters' Action Pack, "Avoid aggression or hysteria in either the written or the spoken word. Avoid being unnecessarily defensive. Think | not dangerous, provided they carefully before attacking the | are in the right hands. In the

The main thrust of the campaign, organised by the firm in conjunction with the British Shooting Sports Council the umbrella organisation for 10 separate gun groups — is to ensure that only Lord Cullen's proposals for tighter gun control are acted upon after he publishes his Dunblane inquiry report next

month The BSSC and its allies fear ministers will be stampeded by outraged public opinion — and vocal Labour support for



a handeun ban changes which they, and the majority on the Tory-con-trolled Home Affairs Select Committee, believe will prove unworkable and unfair. Having maintained what is

calls an initial "dignified their teacher at Dunblane primary school on March 13, the BSSC campaign is determined "to promote our cause in a much more public

manner".

The key to its case is the belief, echoed in the powerful US gun lobby, that "guns are wrong hands any weapon poses a danger". Legislation therefore misses the point. "It is the person who must be rigorously controlled, not the

Ironically, in view of Labour opposition, the BSSC campaign argues shooting is sociable, classless, not biased against women or the disabled and is far safer than many sports. In 1994 shotguns caused 38 deaths and 103 injuries but handguns - used in three times as many offences Turn to page 2, column 6

## Heads fear GCSE table rigging

John Carvei Education Editor

■EAD teachers' leaders last night called for an official inquiry into this year's GCSE exams when it emerged that students sat tens of thousands fewer rens of thousands fewer papers than expected, fuelling speculation that schools held back weak candidates to boost their position in the league tables.

The Government hailed the prouble of the boost in the league tables.

The Government halled the results as the best in the 10 years history of the exam, with a further 1 per cent rise in the proportion of passes at grade C or above—the equivalent of the old O level. There were better score in the control of the con were better scores in the core subjects of maths and science, although performance in English was marginally But the examination boards

only 1.1 per cent when the population of 16-year-olds went up by 3.1 per cent.

A senior government adviser said the figures were consistent with 100,000 pupils said.

were unable to explain why subject entries increased by

being held back altogether—about a sixth of the age group and almost three times the proportion who did not enter for the GCSE last year. Labour spokesmen, however, thought this a fanciful hypothesis, unjustified by the limited facts so far available to the exam boards.

It was just as likely that more candidates sat the GCSE, but entered fewer sub-jects. About 100,000 dropped technology after it was removed as a compulsory subject in the national curricu-lum, but the entry for the core subjects of English, math and science rose in line with the expanding numbers of 16year-olds.

David Hart, general secre-tary of the National Association of Head Teachers, called for an government inquiry into the relative drop in en-tries. "There has to be a strong suspicion that a signif-icant number of pupils have not been entered because their results would have an GCSE pass rate Pass rate at grades A\* to C

1995 1996 55.9% 56.8% 44.8% 45.5% 47.8% 48.2%

Sir Rhodes Boyson, a former Conservative education minister, said the drop in en-tries could be "an unwanted effect of league tables, with schools maximising the number passing exams and mini-mising those they think will fail". Don Foster, the Liberal Democrat education spokesman, said too many young people's futures were being "sacrificed on the altar of Tory league tables and market forces in education".

But the Department for Education and Employment said there would be no benefit in schools holding back their weaker candidates. League tables showed passes above C grade as a proportion of the age group on the school roll and not as a proportion of candidates entering the exam.

Prof Alan Smithers, an examinations expert at Brunel University, said the figures may be explained by the deci-sion to limit the compulsory national curriculum at age 14 to 16 to English, maths, science and a foreign lan-guage. "It could well be that weaker candidates who do not think they will do well over the usual number of subjects are taking advantage of this

John Dunford, president of the Secondary Heads Associa-tion, said the price of exams could have reduced the num-ber of candidates entered. Exam entries at his Durham Johnston Comprehensive school now cost £50,000 a

Ruaridh Nicell and Nick Yarley

Barres have long been named after everyone from soap stars to footballers, but the Smith twins, of Birmingham, may have broken new ground. Not for them Phil and Grant, after EastEnders' Mitchell brothers, or Ryan and Eric, after Manchester United's heroes, but Ronnie and Reggie, after you know

Parents Daryl and Brenda Smith, from Castle Vale, Birmingham, have named their twinss after the East End gangsters. Far from worrying if the names might be a bad start in life for the boys, the couple said the Krays were good people during their reign of terror

"When Brenda first be-came pregnant I had a dream that she would have Mr Smith's best frie twin boys and that they released from prison.

would be called Ronnie and

bouncer aged 31.

"I know the Krays were supposed to be a bad lot in the 1960s, but they never knocked old ladies about.
They only sented out their They only sorted out their own kind, other villains. When the twins were born when the twins were born the naming problem was solved. Nothing to think about, job done."

Mrs Smith, aged 28, gave birth a month age at Heart-lands hospital. She said the boys — born prematurely.

boys - born prematurely, weighing 3lb 12oz and 4lb 10oz — have already lived up to their names.
"My Ronnie and Reggie are fighters all right," said. "They were in inten-sive care for a while but

they are home now." In keeping with the criminal career of the newborn twins' namesakes, the christening is being delayed a formight — until Mr Smith's best friend is

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## Pontefract rallies to Bertie's cause and its black past

Stephen Lyle

N THE gardens and allotments of the West Yorkshire town of Pontefract it is springing up as quickly as the triffids of John Wyndham's classic sci-fi novel. Glycyrrhiza glabra, liquorice to you and I, is making a spectacular comeback to the town to which it gave fame if not

fortune. True, Pontefract has had its rich moments in history. Richard II took his last breath there, as did Catherine Howard after being caught having an extra marital roll in the hay by her husband Henry

The townsfolk have always told visitors Pontefract is one of the last unexplored jewels of English heritage, flagging up its Roman and medieval

But to the rest of us. just one thing, those small, sickly, sweet black discs they call Pomfret cakes. For reasons no one seemed able to explain yesterday, it was the centre for the production of liquorice. Until chocolate displaced it in a nation's

Fears that the raw material for the famous cakes is becoming scarce have put the liquorice plant at the top of the civic agenda. There has been a manic bout of planting. Shrubs as tall as 6ft are now appearing on any available

patch of green.

Mollie Dixon, who has five of the dark-leafed bushes in her garden, was explaining why she is passing cuttings on to friends and neighbours to ensure the plant has a future.

"There used to be fields of liquorice here and although we won't see that any more, I don't think the plant should disappear altogether. I grow it because I have a pride in Pontefract and I know lots of people who are doing the . It's part of our history." And the plants are resilient. Sometimes when I am

the garden I will uncover the roots, wash them and eat

First night

them. I keep a basket in the kitchen where I dry the roots and the children love to chew on them," Ms Dixon said.

It is indigenous to the fertile crescent of Iran, Iraq and Turkey, but liquorice's connection with Pontefract goes back a long way. Townsfolk believe it was probably brought to West Yorkshire in the Middle Ages, by crusaders and monks who used it for medicinal purposes. It was not until about 1600, when some bright spark decided to mix the sweet juice of the plant with flour and paste, that the Pomfret cake, so maligned by

Shakespeare, was born. The cakes had their halcyon days with the Victorians. So great was the demand that plants had to be shipped in

It was the growing popularity of chocolate which spelled the beginning of the end for the liquorice fields of West Yorkshire — the same fields where Betieman met his love with many a burdened liquorice bush blooming around his feet.

The town's museum curator, Richard van Riel, is eading Pontefract's liquorice revival. From his back room office, Mr Van Riel and colleagues have planned this week's Pontefract Liquorice Fayre, the town's celebration of the plant. "It's a wonderful plant.

Doctors in America think that it can be used to cure cancer, Aids and all sorts of things. And everyone remembers their childhood and what liquorice meant to them," Mr Van Riel said.

The Liquorice Fayre will include a great liquorice hunt liquorice walk and liquorice fashion show. Mr Van Riel must have read the expression on my face as he spelled out this week's festivities. "I suppose you think this is the silly season? he inquired.

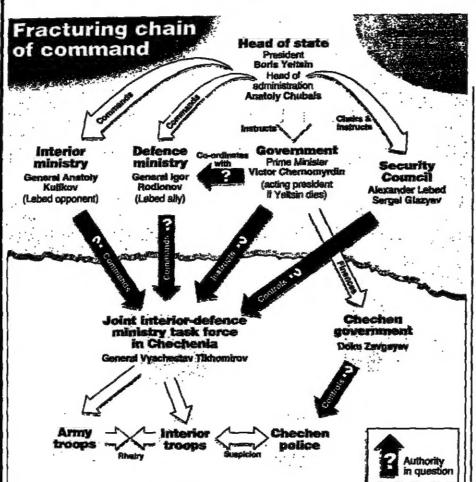
"No, not at all," I assured him. But it was tricky to ignore the 5ft tall figure of Bertie Bassett, that embodiment of liquorice, smiling at me from behind

Fascination with

failure makes a



## Power vacuum puts Russia on the rack



Lebed pledges 'no bloodbath' in Chechenia but Yeltsin's illness brings rivalry and disarray

James Meek in Moscow

USSIA'S self-styled peacemaker, Alexanallow a fresh bloodbath in the Chechen capital, Grozny — as evidence grew that local Russian commanders have been no more under the political control of Moscow than the Chechen rebels.

On the fifth anniversary of his victory over the putschists which brought about the col-lapse of the USSR, President Boris Yeltsin was nowhere to be seen — leaving the conflict ing organs of power in disar-ray. Rivairies between power-ful figures are intensifying. "We have a strange situa-

Sergel Yushenkov, a liberal deputy, said. "All the about his good health, but he is nowhere to be found at this important moment for the country. We have a perfect situation for a new putsch." In one startling illustration of the chaos, Gen Lebed and the defence minister, General Igor Rodionov, disowned a 48-hour ultimatum to civilians

to leave Grozny, given by the

army's man on the spot, Gen-eral Konstantin Pulikovsky. The ultimatum, due to have expired at 9pm GMT last night, threatened to bring down a hall of bombs and shells on the Chechen capital

penic-stricken exodus. Russian aircraft continued to bomb Growny yesterday. But Gen Lebed, the national security chief, told Interfax news agency there would be no all-out assault on the sepa-ratists there, and that he would see to it that the war-

and the tens of thousands of

civilians still there despite a

"We will no longer speak in the language of ultimatums," he said before meeting the separatist military command-er, Aslan Maskhadov. The two men emerged to anthis implemented by army headquarters near Grozny.

"We could take the city, of course." the former paratrooper said. "In the process we'd lay to rest tens of thousands of people, tens of thou-sands of citizens and servicemen. What for? Just because solving questions by negotia-tion is more difficult." Gen Lebed criticised Rus-aia's Byzantine decision-making process, though claiming be and his colleagues had settled the question of who

was in charge. Before Gen Lebed's arrival. Geo Pulikovsky's replacement, General Vyscheslav Tikhomirov, said he had no plans to cancel the ultimatum. The air raids on Grozny yesterday seemed to be a pre-lude to a full-scale attack.

Meanwhile, sides said Mr Yeltsin, aged 65, had com-pleted his two-day inspection tour of his next holiday destination — the lakeland resort of Valdai, north-west of Moscow - and would be back in the Kremlin today.

But, reflecting unesse about the president's condition and whereabouts, Russian newspapers begin probing the state of his health, Commersant published a map of north-west Russia with the headline: "He's

Quoting its own Kremlin sources, Komsomolskaya president needed surgery. But doctors at an elite heart clinic again denied this.

· A British aid worker being held hostage in Chechenia has been released, the Foreign Office said last night. Michael Penrose, aged 23, and French colleague Frederic Malardeau, aged 35, were selzed in Grozny 26 days ago.

#### belated success Michael Billington the suspects and spins on his heel to linger each of them in turn in the time-honoured tra

it Could Be Any One Of Us Stephen Joseph Theatre.

IRST it was By Jeeves: now it is It Could Be Any One Of Us. Alan Ayckbourn, in his spanking new Scarborough theatre, seems be specialising in rescuing his past failures: in this case a spoof whodunnit which was first seen in 1983 and soon discarded. But it proves to be, if not a major discovery, an eminently stageable piece greatly enjoyed by a shirtsleeved audience. In part — but only in part -

the play is a parody of the kind of thriller that used to be staple fare in the reps. We are in an isolated house occupied by a group of artistic no-hop-ers. The head honcho, a bit-terly unperformed composer, announces he will disinherit his relatives and pass the fam lly fortune on to an ex-piano pupil who runs a pet shop,

when she arrives to discuss the will, her life is triply threstened — by failed brakes, a falling wardrobe and a poisoned drink — before the composer himself bites the dust. Who, among the family. could have done it?

Ayckbourn makes amusing play with the cliches of the genre. But his real purpose, as so often, is to write a compassionate anatomy of failure. Indeed his chief character is a half-shut private eye and deadbeat claims-assessor (it is no accident that two of the characters are intending to see Double Indemnity) who could not solve a crossword puzzle. He, of course, decides to take charge of the investigation; and, in Jon Strickland's well judged performance, he

dition of the stock thriller. But Ayckbourn has an al-

with failure, and here he invites our sympathy not just for the slow-witted sleuth but for the whole family who compose, write and paint without a shred of talent. Driven on by a mother who was herself a frustrated artist, they all lead lives of quiet desperation. But Ayckbourn, to his credit, never patronises these people he simply shows the melancholy of having artistic

It takes time to crank up the of Roger Glossop's set, the reflected mullioned windows of Mick Hughes's lighting, even the way the investigative Strickland clumsily sits a wistful writer of unpub-lished thrillers, Malcolm Ren nie as a composer of unperformed music and Janet Dibley as the commonsensica prospective legatee give won-derfully well observed

The paradox of Ayckbourn is that he is probably our most widely performed dramatist; yet he has never lost his fascination with life's unending losers. And in this quietly enjoyable play he sends up the Christie type of thriller while displaying, as the title im-plies, an admirable sympathy for the great army of people whose artistic reach wildly ex ceeds its grasn. This reciew appeared in

some editions yesterday

most Chekhovian fascination

plot but, once it gets going, the spoof meshes neatly with the sympathy. And Ayckbourn's production is full of deft interstride a chair. Juliet Mills, as

threatens 10,000 jobs

RITISH GAS threat-ened to axe 10,000 jobs last night after failing to persuade Clare Spottis-woode, the gas regulator, to soften radically plans to cut bills by £28 a year.

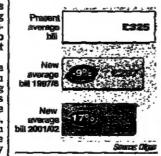
As trade unions and the company rounded angrily on company rounded angrily on the regulator for insisting that tough new price controls be imposed on TransCo, the profitable pipelines division, Ms Spottiswoode warned in turn that her proposals were "final" and insisted that they represented a fair balance between the interests of share-holders and those of

Under the proposals, effective next year for five years. TransCo would have to cut its charges by a fifth in the first year and by 2.5 per cent in real terms thereafter. Its charges account for 43 per cent of the average domestic

bill of £325 would see a 9 per cent cut in the first year as a result. Subsequent cuts would reduce it further still to £270 by the year 2002. Warning that British Gas's revenue would be cut by £650 million a year in 1997/98, and he an extra £40 million a year

subsequently, the deputy chairman. Philip Rogerson,

Gas reductions



said a crackdown on costs would put between 8,000 and 10,000 jobs at risk The company declined to say whether it would reject the proposals and take the battle to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. But one analyst in the City said it rould be "lunacy" to go to the MMC with little prospect of winning greater cond

The Gas Consumers' Council welcomed Ms Spottis-woode's decision as "regulation with a Robin Hood flavour". The decision redressed the balance between 2 million shareholders who had enjoyed high divi-dends since privatisation, and 18 million customers.

But unions condemned the

Gregor, national secretary of the GMB union, dismissed the price curbs as a "short-term cashback solution" which left workers facing uncertainty. Calling for MMC intervention, he said Ms Spottis-

woode's plans were "pnwork-

able, and short-termism gone

The watchdog's proposals are more lenient than plans aired in May to cut bills by £30 a year in 1997/98, and by up to £60 a year by 2002 which would equal an initial 28 per cent cut in TransCo's charges, and by an extra 5 per cent thereafter.

Ms Spottiswoode softened the price review to allow British Gas to spend more on safety, and agreed to raise her valuation of TransCo's assets by £700 million. Both changes softened the impact of the new price controls on BG revenue. British Gas further has the option of seeking a new review of prices after three or

Ms Spottiswoode said the changes represented "a sub-stantial amount of money", but decied she had backed down in the confrontation with British Gas. Denying that government ministers had played any part in her decision to make concessions, she said she had taken a "balanced view"

watchdog. Donald Mac- battle, page 12

## sharpen up their image

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— "caused death in only 28
cases and injury in 125". Supporters in gun clubs urged to build relations with the local media — getting them "to run pro-shooting stories" and inviting them to

rifle ranges — write letters and lobby MPs.

Ministers have been torn between the gun lobby and public opinion. They were quick to distance themselves from the Home Affice Comfrom the Home Affairs Committee's rejection of the hand gun ban campaign. Last night the shadow

bome secretary, Jack Straw, denounced the BSSC document as proof of "high-pressure lobbying" which had influenced the committee's six Tory members. Sunday's Observer revealed that their sole adviser, an ex-police superintendent Colin Communication. tendent, Colin Greenwood, is a pro-gun lobbyist and editor of Guns Review. Mr Straw added: "Labour

believes there should be a ban on the private ownership of handguns, to protect the public and help prevent another Dunblane. This view is sup-ported by the police, the British Medical Association and the overwhelming majority of the British people." Although he would await

Lord Cullen's conclusions "no co-ordinated PR exercise by the gun lobby" would change Labour's mind.

## British Gas says bill cut Shooters hire Furtive VAT moves prepare tax 'cuts'

Michael White Political Editor

HE Treasury has dis-creetly embarked on a series of tax rises, including the imposition of VAT on allergy-relief equipment and incontinence pads, as a means of closing the "black hole" in

the public finances.
Customs and Excise last night confirmed that little-noticed orders in recent weeks have closed VAT loop-holes worth hundreds of millions of pounds.
One restriction will haive

the six years in which claims can be made for the repayment of wrongly paid VAT. Customs and Excise, however, retains its six-year right to claw back errors in the taxpayer's favour.

The accountancy firm Cooper, Lancaster, Brewers said the three-year rule for one side only amounted to "unbelievable double standards and hypocrisy".

Stronger indignation is

likely when public awareness focuses on the decision to end VAT zero-rating for what Cus-toms and Excise calls "certain vacuum cleaners and other products that claim to benefit people with asthma, hay fever and other allergies"

Allegations against "tax advisers seeking to exploit" zero-rating on incontinence products for NHS and non-

also being acted upon, according to papers obtained by the Liberal Democrats.

The loophole-closing forms part of a wider Treasury series of backdoor tax increases designed to pave the way for Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, to cut the head-line rate of income tax by 2p in his November 26 budget, the Lib Dems said vectorion. the Lib Dems said yesterday.

The Liberal Democrats and Labour fear Mr Clarke may persuade voters to forget the E17 billion rise in taxes since the 1992 election campaign. which left a £50 billion gap between spending and revenues.
"We expect Ken Clarke to cut and run in a cynical at-tempt to buy votes with unsustainable pre-election tax bribes regardless of the damage." Malcolm Bruce, the Lib Dem Treasury spokesman, told a

Westminster press conference. Most of the predicted 2p cut in the 24p basic rate of in-come tax will have been recouped by £2.5 billion of backdoor Tory tax rises on petrol, on tobacco, on [councill taxes and by raising VAT

revenues," he said. Lib Dem calculations point to Mr Clarke obtaining £1 billion by higher taxes on petrol and cigarettes, with £1.2 billion coming from last year's "trick" of announcing higher education spending. but making Labour and Lib Dem councils finance it.

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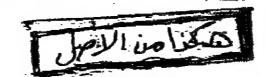
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Two police forces reject use of incapacitants 

Critics and victim's relatives call for more tests

## Howard approves 'safe' CS sprays

WO police forces announced that they will not issue their officers with CS sprays, despite the Home Secretary's go-ahead for the incapacitants yesterday. Chief constables were told that, after nearly the CS six months of trials, the CS sprays had been approved for

The sprays, to be used in violent or life-threatening situations, have been tested in 16 of the 43 forces in England and Wales since March. Yes-terday Michael Howard an-nounced that, in the light of the success of the trials, he was giving the go-ahead for the sprays to be available for

Mr Howard said: "CS is effective and safe, and prom-

rights issue. It is disgraceful that

has taken place before the results of the trial have been made public.

principle of public

important issues of public safety."

Piara Power, Newham

"I am satisfied this

is a safe substance.

responsible for that

Michael Howard, Home

Secretary, yesterday

Monitoring Project

There is no

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'This is a major civil

ises to be an excellent addi-tion to the means which police officers have of defending themselves. It does not require strength to use and is therefore especially valuable to female officers who are sadly sometimes targeted for attack by criminals."

His decision was welcomed by police staff associations. Fony Burden, chief constable of Gwent and chairman of the Association of Chief Police Officers' self defence sub-committee, said: "I am confident that [CS] has prevented serious injury to many officers faced with violence. The sprays have also had a significant deterrent effect."

Fred Broughton, chairman of the Police Federation, also welcomed the move but called for enough money to be made available so that all officers who required them could be

HE substance in CS pensed from a hand-beld

spray is a white crystal-line solid known as CS, after Corson and Stoughton who first synthesised it in 1928. The solid is dissolved in a solvent and comes out of the canister in a single stream. It is not a gas, also be some reddening and although often wrongly described as such. It is dis- lar to severe sumburn. Any-

had been used on 582 occa-sions in five months and had been drawn, but not used, 350 times. They had proved effective in 90 per cent of cases. On five occasions, people who had been sprayed had been taken to hospital, but had all been released and had suffered no permanent

Mr Howard said the public the value of the

A single stream that brings blisters and burns

aerosol and has a range of 8 to 14 feet. The spray causes stream ing eyes and nose, eyelid spasm, salivation and a burning sensation in the throat and nose. There may

spray. Two polls had indi-cated 67 per cent and 75 per cent in favour of its use. But two forces, Hertfordshire and Surrey, yesterday said they would not be using the approved version of the

CS spray. Hertfordshire's chief constable, Peter Sharpe, said: "I still have concerns over the safety of the delivery agent and the issue of cross-contamination with the use of

by a police doctor, and this practice will continue for eswoman said. at least the next 12 months.

CS spray was preferred to a "pepper spray" which some senior officers favoured, but which the Home Office believed was too risky. Officers using it have to undergo training.

the CS spray." Other incapa-citant sprays, such as pepper sprays, should have been tested before a final decision was made, he said. Surrey police also issued

statement saying that, al though they were committed to a CS-based incapacitaht spray, they had not taken part in the tests because of con-cern about the design of the

Home Office-issue CS spray. They were now working with a British manufacturer to develop a safer and more operationally useful spray, a

Reservations were also expressed by Liberty. Its campaigns co-ordinator, Liz Par-ratt, said: "CS spray takes us one step further away from policing by consent rather than coercion. In the long term, this trend will continue term, this trend will continue to undermine the public co-operation, trust and confi-dence on which the police rely in order to do their job." The sprays are unlikely to be in general use for at least

four months as all officers will have to be trained in their use, Mr Burden said. He hoped that within six months all officers would know how to use the sprays. Some might not choose to carry one but it would be available for every



Sgt Debbie Conlon of West Midlands police demonstrates a CS gas spray at Oldham police station РНОТОБРАРН: TRUDUBLACK

#### A potent weapon to calm violent confrontations

CS SPRAYS have been large screwdriver in his during the trial period, and fact that I had CS also gave drawn, but not used, on 350 occasions, writes Duncan

☐ Metropolitan Police officers called to a domestic disturbance found a man with a machete attacking a woman kneeling in front of him with her head pinned between his knees. He was ordered to stop and, when he refused, sprayed and overpowered.

□ PC Vicky Squires of Dyfed. Powys police was called to a break-in at a club and encountered the intruder. His hands reached into his pocket and thing. She warned him she had a CS spray and he immediately gave up and allowed would injure herself. Sher to arrest him. He had a sprayed and restrained.

him a chance to think about what he was doing.

In Cleveland, six officers attended a fight involving 40 people at a social club in which glasses and chairs were being used as weapons The officers restrained the fighters and made arrests without injury to themselves The chairman and secretary of the club thanked the police

☐ Police in London were called to a home where a teenage girl was assaulting staff and smashing property. When self with broken glass, threatened the officers and said she would injure herself. She was

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Amie Sey, with daughters Maimuna, aged 6, and six-month-old Ramutulay. Her husband, Ibrahima, died after being sprayed

## Too soon, says dead man's family

Questions remain over a death after use of decision. Secretary's place before the results of the trial have been made the spray, while trial results are unknown. **Duncan Campbell** on the critics' fears

HE family of a man to King George's hospital in liford, where he was propolice used a CS spray nounced dead. to restrain him yesterday attacked the go-ahead for the spray to be made avail-able to all police officers. Ibrahima Sey, aged 29, a Ghansian-born asylumseeker, died on March 16 this year in Ilford, Essex, after police were called to

A post-mortem by three pathologists representing the coroner, the Police Federation and the Metropolitan police indicated that Mr Sey died as a result of a bypertensive heart disease and had collapsed fol-

"Someone has died in custody and CS was used," Ms Nije said. "We're still awaiting the results of [an independent autopsy carried out for the family]. How do they know it's safe to use? You could spray someone who's got asthma.

Ms Nuje claimed that the spray was five times stronger than that used in the United States. Of the tests, she said: "They're going too fast. It's too early to say it's

this year in liferd, Essex, after police were called to his home following a domestic disturbance.

Several officers attended and he was sprayed with the incapacitant. He was handcuffed and taken to the police station and later is months, to protest at inferior of the new incapacitant. He was handcuffed and taken to the police station and later is months, to protest at inferior of the new incapacitant is daughters, Maimuna, aged six, and Ramatulla, the police station and later is months, to protest at inferior of the new incapacitant is daughters, maimuna, aged six, and Ramatulla, the police station and later is months, to protest at incapacitant incapacitant.

public. It makes a mockery of the principle of public consultation on important issues of public safety."

He said the spray should be banned immediately. Asked about Mr Sey's death yesterday, Michael Howard said: "I am satisfied that this is a safe subdence that the CS spray was responsible for that very regrettable death."

A spokeswoman for the

Police Complaints Authority, which investigated the death of Mr Sey, said all its interviews had been completed but another medical

A date for the inquest has not been set and it may not

spouse tries to kill them — it may be grounds for divorce.

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## Breaking up is easy with Divorce

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TEP aside Brides maga-zine and Weddings Zine and Weddings Monthly. America's news-stands now have a more pragmatic addition: Divorce magazine, the world's first journal dedicated solely to the nisiness of breaking up. Targeting the million

American couples who split up each year. Divorce offers advice on finding a good law-yer, a sympathetic therapist and an estate agent with experience in selling the house and splitting the proceeds. There's even a problem page, with tips for philanderers on whether to tell their soon-tobe ex they're having an affair.
For the publisher Dan



pilot edition in Chicago and its own Internet homepage— represents quite a departure. He used to publish Wedding

romance," Mr Couvrette said. It's just that during his own divorce — "probably the most challenging period of my life"

— he struggled to fund information beyond a few weighty
tomes. "Magazines are very accessible, they're not as daunting as a 300-page book."
There is no shortage of advertisers. Besides lawyers and accountants, Divorce runs ads from masseurs. beauty salons and Glenn's Custom Photo — offering to

airbrush out a former lover. The Canadian-based Mr Couvrette understands his readership. "Haven't been on a date in 15 years? We'll show you some great new ways to find Mr or Ms Right in the 90s," promises one story.

A more sober note is struck For the publisher Dan Bells magazine.

Bells magazine.

"Tm not against marriage They remind readers that if unched this month with a and I'm not against they live in Illinois and their

cratic Party gather in the city next week to cast themselves as the guardians of family val-ues. The magazine insists it is not at odds with America's conservative trend. Instead, Divorce is part of a growing school of sociologists and counsellors who cham-pion the so-called good divorce — believing that, handled properly, a break-up can enhance a couple's relationship with each other and with their children. Mr Couvrette himself is

COVER now anxiously looking for a partner — to form a joint venture and publish a British edi-



"The alarm is sounding on my vent, and I'm making this clicking noise with my throat — clk, clk, clk — and the security guy comes in and asks, 'Are you all right. Mr Reeve?' . . . All he needed to do was put the hose back in place, but I guess his instructions were that his job was security."

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## As the row over admen's peerages grows, Martin Linton explodes the myth that life in the Lords is all ermine and ear trumpets

## 'Working peers' confound popular whiff of oxymoron

EOPLE find it diffi-cult to believe in the existence of "work-ing peers". There is a faint whiff of the oxymoron about them — like "in-telligence officers" or "con-

The popular mythology is that people only go to the House of Lords if they are hereditary peers and don't need to work, or are retired politicians too old to work. But for years now the parties have been sending in an annual infusion of "working peers" to liven the place up and bring the average age down. Ideally they are under 50 and pre-pared to give up their jobs to the Lord.

On the Tory side most of them are still "reward ap-pointments" — businessmen with little time to give to the humdrum business of parliamentary debates. But Labour and Liberal Democrat working peers tend to be former MPs or council leaders enjoying a new lease of life on the red leather benches.

Labour's star turn this year has been Baroness Hoilis of Heigham, appointed at 49 when she was plain Pat Hollis, former leader of Norwich council and candidate for Great Yarmouth — but now the party's spokeswoman in the Lords on social security, disability, housing and local government. On top of all that she

#### Tory guru defends ennobled 'demon poster' masterminds

ADVERTISING guru Sir Tim Bell yesterday leapt to the defence of the new Tory peers criticised for master-minding the "demon" poster

of Tony Blair.

As Labour branded Maurice Saatchi, 50, chairman of the M&C Saatchi agency, and the Max Saarchi agency, and Peter Gummer, 54, younger brother of Environment Sec-retary John Gummer and chairman of Shandwick pub-lic relations, "Lords of the Lies" for their role in devis-ing the New Labous New ing the New Labour, New Danger campaign, the third man behind it insisted it had John Major's backing — al-though he claimed the party chairman "on his own" had approved the "demon"

Sir Tim, who belped Baronsoying 'how dare you'." this year: the "pension-splitting" amendment to the Family Law Bill. and the "three days grace" amendment to the Asylum briefings from countless

& Immigration Bill. She was headhunted for the Lords. "The key ques-tion was how much time was I willing to give. I said I was willing to be full time, so the answer was was "She so the answer was yes. She gave up her job as reader in modern history at the University of East Anglia so she could attend the Lords four days a wask four days a week.

She reckons to make up to 30 speeches a week in the the adrenalin is. But beplayed a key role in two of to 30 speeches a week in the the most dramatic governLords, along with meetings ment reverses in the Lords with her Commons front laddish place, you can actuat 3pm."

ally persuade people if your argument is good. "Argument and reason

and even compassion can be heard in a way that often ess Thatcher win three eleccuts across party lines. You tions, accused critics of the new peers of being "hypocan persuade cross-benchers to vote with you and critical". He added: "Maurice you can sometimes per-Saatchi was very active in keeping the Labour Party out suade Torles to abstain.

"People aren't trying to prove themselves — they're of power for 20 years. Of course they don't like him." He insisted the poster of Mr not hungry young people ambitious for office, and Blair with red eyes was based on comments by shadow cabitherefore there isn't the competitive edge. They'll listen to your arguments." Like other working peers

net member Clare Short about the "dark forces" sur-rounding the Labour leader. He added: "There's been a she doesn't like to use her title. "I'm an academic doclot of advertisements that tor, but I don't use the title have made points like this. Go back to the SDP's ad about doctor outside a university. In the same way 'baroness' Foot having no brain and is a job description. I only use it in Westminster. I would much prefer it was Thatcher having no beart and yesterday's men and so on.
"It is all a bit hypocritical for something the politicians to run around lderwoman.

In any case the pay isn't exactly lordly. At £33 a day it may sound generous, but it is only paid 140 days a year and works out at £4,620 a year for full-time pressure groups.

Along with other working peers on Labour's front attenders. The housing allowance is larger, but doesn't pay for a round-the-year London flat.

"I'm not bleading pov-erty. I cope perfectly well. But I don't break even. I basically dip into my sav-ings," she says. "If you live in London

you can no doubt keep a job going in the morning. But if you live outside London, your job. I sometimes don't know till 11am that I have



Lady Hollis, Labour's star, was headhunted for the Lords and spends four days a week there. A typical day is described below

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#### House work

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11.30: Weekly meeting of Parliamentary Labour Party

1.15pm: Attends drinks meeting for Labour front bench team in Lords. Misses meeting of Labour women MPs and peers also

2.30: Asks question on housing benefit fraud at Lords question time 3.14: On front bench for

4.00, 5.31 and 5.56: Votes on Opposition amendments. Between votes is briefed on Social Security Bill; meets Shelter to plan Housing Bill

amendments 7.16-9.45: Speaks 22 times and moves four emendments during debate third reading of Housing Bill 11.13: House adjourns

## Health properties of garlic disputed by doctors

HE health properties of fabled powers as a vampire repellant — bave made it a modern panacea, but it may not be all that it is cracked up to be on the medical front,

doctors say today.

The belief that it can help prevent heart disease by lowering cholesterol and reducing blood pressure may be a

myth.
Hugh Neil and colleagues, from Oxford university and from Oxford university and the Radcliffe infirmary, found that the cholesterol levels of their patients were not af-fected by garlic. They believe its health benefits have been overestimated, and question sive and naturally occurring

whether it is any more than a compound would be an attractive alternative to fat-lower-However,

115 patients with raised cho-lesterol levels, who were

given either garlic or placebo tablets for six months.

Reporting the findings in the Journal of the Royal College of Physicians, the researchers say: "At the end of the six month trial there were no significant different

were no significant differ-ences between the groups. "An effective, safe, inexpen-

tive alternative to fat-lower-Lichtwer ing drug therapy for use HE health properties of garlic health properties of garlic — not to mention its led powers as a vampire led nowers as a vampire led nowers as a vampire used by the doctors in their study, disputed the findings when the study, disputed the findings which far surpasses the finding which far surpasses the finding this particular study. The Oxford team looked at 115 nations with raised cho. Suggested." Sonia Job, marketing man-

ager for Lichtwer Pikirma. said: "Our approved claim for Kwai (the trade name for their brand of garlic tablet) is that it helps maintain normal cholesterol."

She said research had shown garlic to be particularly beneficial for sufferers of high cholesterol or blood pressure, which she felt the study had not taken into account. had not taken into account.

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Environment Secretary sets stringent rules for clean air but fails to offer resources to achieve them and puts off target dates to 2005

## Gummer passes buck on pollution



Pedestrian and truffic management at work in York, where car-free streets improve the quality of life PHOTOGRAPH DON MCPHE

## Councils pioneer 'clean' travel

Gas and electrically powered vehicles are in the vanguard of attempts to find different modes of transport, James Meikle reports

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really is electric or gaspowered are under way in local authorities out to set an environmentally-friendly

lpswich council in Suffolk has two electric-powered twoscater cars, the mayoral car uses traditional fuel for out of town journeys and natural gas for short trips. One bus and a litter-cleaning vehicle are gas fuelled.

re gas fuelled. good. We are breaking even
The 8ft-long cars, made in probably, but it is more of an

EXPERIMENTS to prove Denmark, have been used by officials for three years. They have been cost-

Chelsea

effective. To get 25 miles costs about 25 pence in electricity." said David Botwright, the council's environmental sup-

The gas-powered bus could take fewer passengers because of the weight and space taken up by the fuel. "Al-though gas is cheaper to buy, the fuel consumption is not so

paying for them, no one wants to pay more than they A GIFT OF UP TO do at present."

In north London, Camden
Community Transport, a voluntary body which helps get
elderly and disabled people
out of their homes, is experimenting with three electric and three natural gas mini-

traditional looking motor car powered electrically to be

used in this country although

dispelled, say their supporters. Derek Charters, of the

Motor Industry Research Association, said: "People talk about electric vehicles

and improving the environ-ment but when it comes to

environmental thing for us." and people who travel in Coventry city council will be partners with Powergen, the Royal Mail and East Midthe Royal Mail and East Midsee a number of big compa-

see a number of big compa-nies show off hybrid cars— that can switch between tralands Electricity during trials of the new electric Peugeot 106 car, already on sale in France. It would be the first ditional and electric power but these are still expensive and heavy.
Liquified petroleum gas, a

fuel regularly used abroad for some specialist companies al-ready convert vehicles. New Peugeot vans will also be tried and with a 56 mph top 30 years, may make a come-back in Britain as environmental concerns mount. In the 1980s, 25,000 vehicles used speed and 50-mile range, the old image of electric vehicles Calor Gas here. Now it could be as low as 1.500. as 15 mph milk floats will be

fore for alternative fuels; diesel took over as the fa-voured option to petrol until the danger of particulates was acknowledged.

Critics of the Government say real change will come when the Treasury is ready to lose more of the tax it makes on traditional fuel and allow incoming the contractions. incentives for alternatives. When councils shut off town or city centres for good to pet-rol driven transport, then taxi operators, security firms and commercial operators would have to switch fuels. Only then would the infrastructure buses.

Director Ed Passant said:

"The electric vehicles are very quiet, very easy to drive cially practical possibility."

#### Cost of bad air quality

ted by vehicle exhausts. ☐ 20,000 hospital admissions a year are blamed on air pollution.

heavy goods vehicles pro-duce 55 per cent of particles that are the worst danger.

☐ About 25 people a day in exhaust pollution cost Britain die prematurely because of tiny particles emit. ☐ Damage to health, buildings, materials and wildlife from excess ozone is esti-mated at £2 billion to £5 billion a year.

Pollution levels decreed unacceptable by the Government yesterday have that are the worst danger.

Retro-litting lorries and buses to cut 90 per cent of Environment Department.

OHN Gummer yes terday set stringent maximum levels for air pollution to safe guard health, but failed to provide any resources to achieve them. Local authorities, charged

by the Government to come up with plans to cut pollution, said it was not clear the pro-posals were viable. Environment groups said decisive action was needed to make it work.
Achieving the targets was

put off until 2005 to allow European directives to come into force and fuel refining to be adapted. Meanwhile local authorities can tackle what Mr Gummer called "local hot spots" with their own plans which may include a permit or pricing system to allow only essential vehicles into a

The National Air Quality Strategy acknowledged that traffic was the main cause of traffic was the main cause of the problem, and there must traffic, but the police have to be changes in planning and transport policies which want paying up front for their would reduce reliance on the car. It did not specify what these would be, and Mr Gum"If the Government was mer would only say that pri-vatising the railways would help to get more passengers and freight off roads.

Air quality Bellas

Toby Harris, chairman of the Association for London Government, said: "Mr Gummer is passing the buck to local government. We are being asked to make schemes to clean up vehicles self-fi-nancing by fining people.

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Mr Harris said closing roads or areas to traffic was not a solution because it merely moved the problem elsewhere. What was needed was proper investment in public transport, but the Gov-

ernment was not prepared to

help pay for that. Garaint Davies, leader of Croydon council, south Lon-don, said fixed penalty no-tices to people in polluting vehicles and powers to stop people running their engines when parked were welcome ideas, but "this is not a long

tegrated public transport

system. Michael Meacher, Labour's environment spokesman, said: After 17 years of ne-glect of public transport the Tories have suddenly noticed that excessive car use causes pollution. Even the modest air quality targets that have been set out cannot be met without a major shift in pol-icy towards clean, green pub-

lic transport." For some of the pollutants, such as carbon monoxide and lead, current government pol-icies will achieve the reduction in levels — with the al-ready planned use of catalytic rol. For others such as nitrogen dioxide, particles, ozone and sulphur dioxide, current policies are, in the Govern-ment's words, "unlikely to be enough to meet the targets".

The National Society for Clean Air demanded action to tax pollution. November's budget should be used to link vehicle excise duty to the size of the emissions, so the owners of less polluting vehicles paid less. The society also wants less fuel tax on clean alternative fuels like gas and city diesel, tax breaks for bus operators to clean up existing fleets, and removal of tax perks for company car users coupled with tax breaks for awaited strategic plan". What commuters using public was needed was a properly in- | transport.

## Traffic nearing gridlock in pedestrian city

#### David Ward parks and rides to York

brewery on the A64 there is near gridlock. with enough messy emis-sions to make John Gummer fume. And this is York, one of Britain's most environmentally sound cities, with the largest ped-

UST past the Tadcaster | spruce White Line bus

trundles purposefully towards the Minster. The bus (£1.10 return) is almost full, and a recorded message welcomes passen-gers. "We think you will find our park and ride ser-

at all. The car is a convenient way to travel. My wife and I each have one and we use both to get to work, even though it's only five miles. Public transport

is not much help."
In the city centre (traffic-free for six hours a day) a baritone sings his way through Hymns Ancient and Modern outside Marks-& Spencer on Parliament

Street.
Nearby, John Prescott is seen on a video talking away as the local Labour Party tries to drum up support. Stephen Burton, district secretary, offers a timely reminder that be-youd York's traffic-free centre are hectic streets where tourists and locals alike may be simulta-

liams. "I must admit I don't | the normal peak but it think about pollution much | showed that even with traffic management schemes the city was close to capacity. It shows how we

need to restrict cars." Round the corner at the top of the Shambles, Ivor English is making money while the sun shines, his voice competing only with the clip clop of a passing horse and carriage. Mr English sits atop a 10ft unicycle and juggles two fire-sticks and a machete. "You couldn't do this sort of show on a busy road. York is an excellent city centre,' Mr English says.

heaving with visitors lost in the crush. Colonel Helen, from Florida, where the air quality is still quite good, reflect on this and vices the easiest and most pleasant way to travel to asphyxiated. "It's important to have cara five mile crawl leads to

"I saw the traffic on the whole city was totally conmay get stepped on by felthe Askham Bar park and ride terminus, whence a service," said Peter Wil
whole city was totally conmay get stepped on by felthe says. "The load low tourists here, but they was only 11 per cent over won't kill you."



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Murderers as young as 10 make up a growing - and often deadlier - wave of 'super-predators'

## Natural born teen killers plague US

HE 14-year-old boy had told friends he was looking for some-one to shoot. He left with his gun, saying he would return soon. Ten minutes later he came back to boast: "I did it" The victim was his mother, dead with a single builet through her forehead.
The shooting in Glendale, Los Angeles, is the latest of a rash of murders committed by children as young as 10. They are part of what criminolo-

ings by America's children. In 1993, 3,647 US teenagers were convicted of killing. By 2005 there is likely to be at least 5,000 annually. One

Martin Walker in Washington

HE discovery of high

levels of a carcinogen in corn grown in Texas

where the United States

harvest begins - has pro-

voked fears of a new spurt of food price inflation.

A health scare about the

US corn crop could have

serious implications for

world food prices, as well as for American corn

Aflatoxin, a potent carcinogen, is found in a mould produced on corn by an airborne fungus. This

year's droughts across the southern US provided ideal

conditions for the fungus's

"It is a high level [of con-tamination] and it is seri-

ous. The levels are of con-

siderable concern throughout Texas," a state food scientist. George Lati-

mer, said yesterday. The US produces 250 mil-

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cent of world corn exports, much of it foodstuff for fungus's spread

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gists see as a new wave of kill-

the offspring of the post-war baby boom generation. The trend is strongest among Hispanic and black teenagers in the south and

est, where the murder rate This summer certainly looked like a killing season for the children academics call "super-predators".

Prosecutors in Watts, the black Los Angeles ghetto, this month charged a boy of 12 with joining in the gang rape of a girl of 13, and shooting a tervene. The rape took place next door to the elderly woman's home, in an empty, vermin-infested house used by drug takers.

In June a girl of 12 was put is 5,000 annually. One in juvenile care for five years in is demographic an in California after admitting

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The industry assume

Droughts across

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rease in 13- to 17-year-olds, that she tried to kill her | dered a baby girl of 18 months schoolteacher by pouring rat poison in a soft drink. The girl complained that the and said that she had planned the murder for two months

by beating her with a chain. In Los Angeles in June boy of 14 was confined until the age of 25 for shooting his mother dead in a dispute over a chocolate biscuit. Another with two boys, aged 12 and 11. | boy of 14 was sentenced to 25-

A boy aged 14 shot his mother dead in a dispute over a chocolate biscuit; another shot dead a pizza delivery man

Earlier this month in years-to-life in San Diego, Cal-exas, another girl of 12 was ifornia, in June for shooting Texas, another girl of 12 was sentenced to 20 years in state custody for beating to death a two-year-old girl by striking her more than a dozen times. dead a pizza delivery man who refused to hand over the order without payment. More typical of big cities are gang shootings, and the children involved are becom-The child died from a blow that ruptured her liver. In

Northeastern University in less supervised — most juve Boston, says: "We are seeing nile crime happens between more violence and murders hideous crimes - and it's a trend not fust in America but lived with killings in the in any Western society that

mave less understanding of what death means. They also kill for power, thrills or revenge, he says, in a society where family thes have been troken, and film and televition violence. Youngsters in early teenage can be deadlier. They may kill for trivial reasons and sion violence make murder

They don't consider the To them a jacket or a pair of

Levin, a criminologist at | Kids are less socialised and 4pm and 7pm. They resent people they think cause then misery, and will kill for that." streets since they were tod-dlers. "There has been pervasive disinvestment in youth in America for 30 years," Prof

funds over six years.
With 40 per cent of the country's legal immigrants, California will bear the brunt

#### News in brief

## **Haitian opposition** members shot dead

A HAITAN opposition leader and another member of his party were killed by unidentified gunmen on Tuesday afternoon.

Pastor Antoine Leroy, the number two in the conservative Mobilisation for National Development (MDN) party, and Jac-ques Dorval were killed near Mr Dorval's home in Delmas 19, a

ort-au-Prince suburb. Ten armed men in two vehicles shot and killed two civil-ians," said a United Nations spokesman, Eric Fait.

Dorval's body was left in the back of his pickup truck about a block away from his home. He was handcuffed and had been block away from his home. He was handcuffed and had been shot in the head. Leroy's body was sprawled outside Dorval's house. Neighbours speculated that Dorval had been kidnapped, perhaps to disclose the whereabouts of Leroy. A local magistrate said both men were holding pistols.

UN officials said the MDN had close links with former members of the disbanded Haitian military. On Tuesday the president, René Préval, said the military was responsible for record destabilisation of the country. — Reuter, Porton, Prince.

ecent destabilisation of the country. - Reuter, Port-ou-Prince.

#### CIA named in drug ring report

CIA-run contras in Nicaragua benefitted from the profits of a drug ring in the San Francisco Bay area during the 1980s, the San

Jose Mercury News has claimed.
Attempts to prosecute the ring's kingpin were thwarted by the CIA, possibly to cover up ties between the traffickers and contra CIA, possibly to cover up ties between the traffickers and contral leaders, the newsapaper said in reports based on recently declassified federal documents, court testimony and interviews. It also claims that the drug network sold tons of cocains to Los Angeles sungs and is partially responsible for the city's crack problem.

The money flow began after the CIA combined several armies to create the ariti-communist Fuerza Democratica Nicaraguense in 1981, the newspaper reported. The same year, the drug ring sold almost a ton of cocaine to the Crips and Bloods, notorious Los Angeles sangs, for \$54 million (£36 million), said Oscar Danilo

Angeles gangs, for \$54 million (236 million), said Oscar Danilo Blandon Reyes, a former FDN leader and government informant. "There is a saying that the ends justify the means," he said during testimony in 1994. "So we started raising money for the contra revolution." — AP, San Jose

#### Police suggest child sex link

SOUTH AFRICAN police said yesterday there could be a link between the child sex scandal rocking Belgium and the disappear

ance of five girls in Pretoria up to eight years ago "The modus operand"... as to what happened in Belgium and what's happening here in South Africa seems to be very, very closely related," said Pretoria's police director, Reggie Mariemuthon. "The modus operand: in which our girls were abducted and kept in secret cellars in houses is similar to what happened in

Belgium. The age groups are also more or less the same A South African psedophile, Gert van Rooyen, and his lover Josy Hearhof were linked by police to the disappearance of the girls, aged 11 to 13. Van Rooyan shot Hearhof and himself six

years ago as police closed in. The girls were never traced, despite a thorough excavation of yen Rooyeu's home. The girls were said to have been kept in a

Asked about the possibility of an international child sax ring Mr Mariemuthoo said: "It is possible. Unfortunately we don't have any information on those lines at the moment." — Reute

#### Fears grow of Tamil exodus

INDIA and Sri Lanka are watching with concern the arrival by boat of hundreds of Sri Lankan refugees in the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu, fearing a full-scale exodus.

Nearly 800 Tamil refugees from the Pesalai area of Mannar Island in north-western Sri Lanka have reached India in the pest week — 420 on Sunday alone. Many are from camps administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. They told reporters in Rameswaram, at the southern-most tip of India, that they had been harassed by government troops and Temil Tiger rebels, and that the UN camps were short of food. The Sri Lankan government, meanwhile, said it would send

more food and other supplies to recel-held areas, as fears grew for some 200,000 people displaced in a month of fighting around the town of Kilimochchi. — Suzumne Goldenberg, New Delhi.

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#### US reconsidering jet deal

THE United States is debating whether to delay or cancel an agreement to sell Indonesia at least nine F-16 fighter jets, in the agreement to sell Indonesia at least nine F-16 fighter jets, in the light of Jakarta's serious crackdown on political dissent.

Government human rights officials and some prominent members of Congress want the sale shalved because of the raids on the headquarters of President Suharto's opponents and the arrest of

Other officials, including some at the national security council. want the sale, estimated to be worth \$200 million (£135 million), to go ahead. They say that F-16s are not the sort of weapons used to

repress dissent.
The administration will have to make its decision soon if it hopes to sell the planes this year, because Congress adjourns in October for the elections. Congress traditionally gets a 30-day notice of major arms sales. — New York Times.

#### Doctor kills himself on plane

A DOCTOR used a Swiss army knife to stab himself to death on a British Airways plane after it landed in Geneva, police said

resterday. The Swiss man, in his 30s, plunged the knife several times into The Swiss man, in his 30s, pringed the knife several times into his heart in front of other passengers and died minutes later. He was returning from a trip to the United States, where he was said to have suffered psychological problems. The doctor's wife and a psychologist were waiting for him at the airport.

There was said to be no panic among other passengers, many of whom had already disembarked. — Reuter, Geneva.



RWANDAN Hutu refugees (above) climb on to a United Nations truck at the Magara refugee camp in Burundi yesterday to be returned to Rwanda. Up to 4,000 refugees left the camp in the biggest movement back to their homeland

the camp in the biggest movement back to their homeland since they fied in 1994.

Paul Stromberg, spokesman for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Rwanda, said 3,000 to 4,000 refugees left Magara camp before heavy rain slowed the exodus.

Refugees accuse the Tutsi-dominated Burundian army of harasetne them and eav they are leaving because they face for the control of the control harassing them and say they are leaving because they fear for their lives. — Reuter, Butare. PHOTOGRAPH: DAVID GUTTENET DE PHOTOGRAPH: DAVID GUTTENFELDER



Pelipe Trejo kneels bound in Santiago Tolmán, Mexico. Earlier, he and two other would-be robbers had shot three people. Villagers then beat Trejo and threatened to kill him if any of the casualties died

## Whitewater still a trial to Clinton Fujimori tries to 'reinterpret' law

Mertin Walker in Washington

BEHIND the frenzied preparations for next week's Democratic Party convention, the whole American political establishment is hanging on the word of James McDougal. Mr McDougal and his then

wife, Susan, were business partners of Bill and Hillary Clinton in the failed Whitewater property venture which lies at the heart of a special investigation into the president's personal and political finances.

Prosecutors allege that Mr Clinton, as governor of Ar-kansas in the mid-1980s, twice pressed an Arkansas banker to lend Mr McDougal \$300,000 (2200,000) in the name of Susan McDougal. Part of the money, they allege, was fraudulently used to benefit the Whitewater venture. Earlier this week Ms

two years for fraud in the case. Mr Clinton's successor as Arkansas governor. Jim ity is thoroughly shredded, he president.

Guy Tucker, was sentenced to could raise the possibility of a Pariners in Power, by the

four years probation. But the sentencing of Mr McDougal, originally scheduled for this Monday, has been postponed until November 18, two weeks after the presidential election. He is now talking to prosecutors about co-operating in return for a lighter sentence on the 18 felony charges on which he was convicted on

May 28. The judge ordered Mr McDougal and his lawyers to say nothing about the reasons for the postponement. But speculation is rife about con-versations held with special counsel Kenneth Starr in the Texarkana mobile home where the impoverished and ailing Mr McDougal lives. But the timing is all. Any

political damage to Mr Clin-ton will have to come before November 5, election day Mr McDougal poses two main threats to the president. He has told reporters that he "held back some stuff" documents which are sup-McDougal was sentenced to posed to take the Whitewater two years for fraud in the affair yet further.

And although his credibil-

'Ronnie Reagan never stopped talking, even though he never

had anything to say except what he had just read in the

Reader's Digest. Nancy was born with a silver ladder in her hand

GORE VIDAL

wrongdoing.
The president testified that he had not taken part in meetings at a site office in Little Rock with Mr McDougal and a traffic court judge, David Hale, the key prosecution

witness.
The president firmly denied the claim by Judge Hale (himself a convicted criminal who was co-operating with the prosecution in return for leniency) that Mr Clinton had pressed him at the alleged meeting "to belp Jim and me out" with a loan.

terday dismissed other rumours among top Republi-cans, that a sealed indictment against Mrs Clinton, relating to her role in another scandal, dubbed Travelgate, could be

Meanwhile the Whitewater embarrassmetti has become a publishing phenomenou. The bookshops are piled high with Whitewatery tomes, almost all of them hostile to the

perjury charge against the president if he refutes Mr clinton's sworn denials of wrongdoing.

The president testified that he had not taken part in meet- kock.

Its unattributed sugges-tions that Mr Clinton was the anti-war movement at Oxford have helped the book into the best-seller lists.

The Arkansas journalist Gene Lyons, by contrast, contends in Fools for Scandal that the Washington media had "turned itself into a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Republican Party . . . possibly the possibly that the property of the possibly that the contract of the contract of the possibly that the contract of the co sibly the most politically charged case of journalistic malpractics in recent Ameri-

can history". The biggest seller of them all, Blood Sport, by the Wall Street Journal reporter James Stewart, claimed to have found a felonious mis-statement by Mrs Clinton in her property valuation state-ment on a Whitewater loan application. Mr Stewart later conceded that he had not read the reverse side of the document, in which Mrs Clinton has properly listed her assets.

Jame Disz-Limaco in Lima

to stand for third term in Peru

I mori is seeking a change in Peruvian law to let him stand for a third term in in 2000. DRESIDENT Alberto Fuji-His movement,

Change 90-New Majority Alliance, introduced a bill yesterday to "authentically interpret" the constitu-tional clause on presiden-tial re-election, which it says is ambiguous.
The clause states that a

president can be re-elected only once to a consecutive term. Government MPs say it must be made clear that the clause covers only elections held after the constitution took effect in 1998. This would exclude Mr Fujimori's first term and

allow him to stand in 2000. Earlier this week, the congressional constitutional committee approved this interpretation of the law, despite opposition pro-

law, despite opposition pro-tests that it was illegal. proval twice by two-thirds Opposition MPs have called the bill a "coup" to make Mr Fujimori the of a two-thirds majority.

equivalent of a king or president for life.

If the bill is approved by congress today and be-comes law, it will be the second time that the gov-ernment has altered the law to allow Mr Fujimori to

law to autow Mr Fujimori to remain in power.
When he won the presidency in 1990, the constitution prohibited re-election.
In 1992 Mr Fujimori dissolved parliament and sacked top judges in an "auto-coup" backed by the multiple of the properties. military. A new congressional body, in which his alliance held a majority, then rewrote the constitution to

permit re-election once. A referendum approved this.
Jorge Avedano, a former
law college dean and an opposition MP, said congress
did not have the right to pass interpretative laws on the constitution. He said constitutional reform required either a majority vote in congress, ratified by a public referendum, or ap-

When an actor like Penn puts on a ton of hairspray it's called commitment. When an actress like Stone chooses not to wash her hair it's called presumption.

David Runciman, G2 page 7



## tells truth body

## We suffered as Deng clan prepares for worst

David Berestord in Cape Town

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ORMER president F. W. de Klerk apologised yes-terday for the miseries apartheid, and admitted that the security forces had committed atrocities, but his statement to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission

was less a wholehearted mea cuipa than a j'accuse.
"I have already publicly apologised for the pain and suffering caused by former policies of the National Party I reiterets these are logice. I reiterate these apologies today," he told the commission, chaired by his fellow Nobel peace laureate Arch-bishop Desmond Tutu.

His 90-minute presentation was what many would characterise as a revisionist ac-count of South African

"These people — my fore-bears — understood oppres-sion," he said, citing the Boar war and the death of more

'To my knowledge, our strategies never included assassination. murder, torture, rape or assault'

than 20,000 women and children in British concentration

"They understood resistance," he said, evoking the Afrikaners' battles to develop their own language and cul-

tural identity.
"They also experienced poverty and deprivation," he told the commissioners, recalling the drought and depression of the 1930s which drove Afrikaners from their farms and into the cities.

And so it went on, as the National Party leader con-jured up a picture of his Volk as victims of times and cir-

The issues that we debated

on the other," he said of his own appearance on the politi-cal stage as a student activist.

"The solution we came up with was separate development." It was, he conceded, a "deeply mistaken" strategy which "led to injustice, growing international isolation and the exceletion of a say

Party government as early as 1978, when the process of reform began.

But the process had run into the "global ideological struggle between the West and expansionist Soviet

The ANC, he complained had been committed "to the revolutionary seizure of power and not to peaceful and

sh and others in succes campaigns against insurgency

ventional strategies from the side of government, I want to make it clear from the outset that, within my knowledge and experience, they never included the authorisation of assassination, murder, torture, rape, assault, or the like," he said.

If there were abuses of human rights by the security forces, they had to be understood in the context of uncon-ventional war. "It would be a serious mistake to adopt a simplistic approach in judg-ing such abuses and violations," be said.

and to the escalation of a con-flict that had been smouldering since the early sixtles". He insisted that the mistake was recognised by National Party government as early as

negotiated reform". The "unconventional nature

and terrorism These counter-strategies were conducted on a "need-to-

know" basis.
"In dealing with the uncon-

"The National Party is prepared to admit its mistakes of the past and is genuinely repentant," he added.
"In our quest for reconcilia-

tion we have apologised ... we have also forgiven. And we have come on our knees constances, struggling to corve their own destiny and incluctably finding themselves on the wrong side of history. can military, General Georg Meiring, appearing before a



of the revolutionary threat" forced the adoption of "unconventional counter-strategies of the kind developed by the Brit-

Deng Xiaoping (left) poses with his youngest daughter Deng Rong, a biographer. She is the mother of his 15-year-old grandaughter, who has been enrolled at school in California As China's ailing leader turns 92, his family is making plans for its future, writes Andrew Higgins in Hong Kong

year-old girl newly en-rolled at a private school near San Francisco offers a rare insight into a struggle now raging in Beijing over the legacy of Deng Xiaoping. who turns 92 today. Like the privileged offspring of many wealthy fam-

lles in Britain's last major colony, the girl has a Hong Kong travel document, a Cantonese name and ample pocket money to enliven an education far from home. An important biographical detail, however, makes this teenager very different. She is the granddaughter of Deng Xiaoping. She travels under an assumed name and on

N THE opaque world of walled compound just north Chinese politics, a 15- of the Forbidden City, China's first family is making plans for an uncertain and possibly perilous future. As Mr Deng's health and in-

fluence wane, so do the fortunes of his immediate family. No longer untouchable, relatives are running scared amid intriguing — if often confused — signs that the policies pioneered by Mr Deng are under increasing attack within China's faction-ridden Communist Party. Cao Siyuan, a leading econ

omist close to the party's lib-eral wing, has warned of attempts not merely to dilute but to overturn Mr Deng's free-market programme. In a polemical article published in

"Although this debate does not yet cause too much concern, we should not shy away from imagining the most awful possibility — the chance of China again being pushed into a Cultural Revo-lution as in 1966," Mr Cao warns. His article — entitled What do those who want to negate reform and opening-up really want to do? — has now

been banned. Despite their thunder about United States "hegemonism" and "hostile foreign forces", many well-connected Chinese send their children to univer sity in the US or other Western countries.

The decision to enrol Mr Deng's granddaughter in school suggests more than a mere concern with her educa tion, however. She will also be out of harm's way should the jostling for power spawn a repeat of the feroclous strug-gles that accompanied the death of Mao Zedong in 1976,

Sending Deng's school in the US is about more

than her education most important decisions.

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known as Yang Yang, but she will study in the US, sources of Mr Deng's own family. A sign of their anxiety was a say, under a pseudonym taken from Cantonese, the Chinese dialect spoken in

Hong Kong. Instead of holding celebrations in Beijing to mark Mr Deng's birthday, his chosen successor, President Jiang Ze-min, and other senior leaders will be away at the seaside resort of Beidaihe, an annual summer rite that often pro-

granddaughter to

duces the Communist Party' Though absent from the

speech last month by Mr Deng's eldest son, Deng Pu-fang. According to samizdat copies of the address, he accused members of the leadership of seeking to "wholly negate" his father's free-mar

ket line. An official - and many believe bowdlerised — text issued belatedly in Beijing is far milder, but still criticises attempts to place ideology be-

> "All enterprises in the former Soviet Union were stateowned but they failed in the and." Deng Xiaoping's "basic line", his son pleaded, must "remain unchanged for 100

> Mr Deng senior has not been seen in public since a Chinese New Year firework display in February 1994. He was photographed in a wheel-chair staring vacantly into

in retreat and clearly prepar-

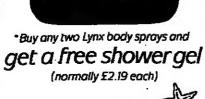
ing for the worst.
The departure of Deng Xiaoping's granddaughter for the US follows reports that her mother has come under criticism from the leadership for hawking a biography of

her father to foreigners. Her husband, Major-General He Ping, also appears to be in trouble. He is said to have recently lost his job as head of the Poly Group, an arms-trading subsidiary of the People's Liberation Army. The company has been impli cated in a plot to smuggle Chinese-made AK-47 assault

rifles into the US. Another casualty of Mr Deng's fading authority is his youngest son, Deng Zhifang. Tainted by a corruption scandal at Shougang, a huge state-owned steelmaker once touted as a model of reform, he has lost his post as the boss of its Hong Kong subsidiary.









The real beauty is the price

## Court to hear Iran murder link

lan Traynor in Beriin

HE exiled former president of Iran, Abolhassan Bani-sadr, is to give evi-dence before a Berlin court today which may embarrass the Bonn government and worsen its already strained relations with Washington. Mr Bani-sadr, who has

lived near Paris since being toppled by the late Ayatollah Khomeini in 1981, two years after the Iranian revolution, is expected to allege that President Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani of Iran and the country's paramount religious leader Ali Khamenei personally or-dered the assassination of Kurdish rebels in a Berlin the restaurant.

Kurds and their translator. The trial is almost into its fourth year but the timing of Mr Bani-sadr's appearance for the prosecution is less than happy for the Bonn government, the most powerful Western opponent of the Clinton administration's policy of ostracising Tehran and pun-ishing countries and compa-

Iran . Earlier this year the Berlin justice authorities issued an arrest warrant for Iran's intelligence chief, Ali Falla-hian, whom they accused of masterminding the attack at state-sponsored terrorism they have arrested supplied the restaurant. sanctioned at the highest hi-tech equipment to the Liby-Mr Bani-sadr says the mur-levels in Tehran: an argu-ans from 1990 to 1993.

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An Iranian and four Leba- | ders could not have occurred | ment that tends to buttress ness are charged with the without the blessing of Mr the US case for isolating and murder of three Iranian | Rafsanjani and Mr Khamenei. | punishing "rogue states" without the blessing of Mr the US case for isolating and Rafsanjani and Mr Khamenei. punishing "rogue states"

"Without their agreement, carrying out the attack was just as unlikely as it would have been without massive support from the state, for example through passports, plane tickets, money, special telephone numbers," he said

north German prosecutors in a statement in June.

He said be learned of the murder plot three months be-

fore the attack and warned one of the victims, Sadiq Sharifkindi, leader of the Kurdish Democratic Party of

Iran.
The prosecution argues

disclosed that they had arrested two German business men suspected of helping Libya to develop its poison gas and chemical weapons

In the 1980s German involvement in helping Libya build a chemical weapons plant at Rabia drew wide-

According to diplomats, the

rather than the West Euro-pean case — led by Germany

There was more embarrass-ment in Bonn this week when

for trading and talking.

## Gadafy 'rounds up businessmen'

Kathy Evans

HE Libyan leader, Colonel Muammar Gadafy, has or-dered the arrest of 1,500 of the country's businessmen on charges of "corruption" and dealing in foreign goods, Liby-an dissidents based in London

Western diplomats in Tripoli say the detentions are typical of Col Gadafy's erratic and "unfathomable" policies towards the business community.
They also believe that "puri-

fleation committees" newly set up by the authorities to root out corruption and black-marketeering have been closing shops and prominent firms. Several dealers on the gold

and money exchanges have been detained, as have the heads of some leading busi-ness families from Benghazi for alleged links to rebel

foreigners have been burnt.
An opposition spokesman
in London said that among
those arrested were Mohammed Abdul Jawad, the head of Libya's oil investment com-pany, and Mohammed al Sousi, a car importer known for his connections to the country's former royal family, the Sanussis. The businessmen are believed to be held in Tajoura prison on the outskirts of Tripoli.

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Despite Libya's declared liberalisation policies, the private sector is still viewed with suspicion. A huge devaluation of the dinar and an influx of foreign goods which Libyans could not afford may have triggered the latest assault on the business community.

Earlier this week riots were said to have broken out in a

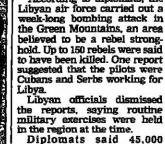
said to have broken out in a detention camp containing an estimated 1,000 Arab and African workers. About 400 of them have taken refuge in the Sudanese embassy in Tripoli,



The arrests coincided with reports of increased activity by Libya's Islamic militarits. Four



groups, some including Liby-ans who fought in the Afghan war, are now trying to over-throw the Gadafy regime.



the reports, saying routine military exercises were held in the region at the time.

Diplomats said 45,000 Gadafy: erratic policies

according to Khartoum. Col
Gadafy blames expatriate
Arab workers for instigating
a wave of Islamic dissent to
his 27-year rule.

Diplomats said 45,000
troops were involved in an exercise practising counter-invasion techniques, and that
the coastal city of Derna had
been cordoned off.

Meanwhile the Islamic
Fighting Group said it had at

Meanwhile the Islamic Fighting Group said it had attacked a military convoy near Derna and killed 18 government troops, including the Libyan leader's brother-in-law, Major Saleh Mabrouk Gadafy. The Libyan state news agency, Jana, said yesterday that the major was still alive.



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## Mad car disease

Government must find a cure, quickly

is death to the minnow. And freedom for the motorist? Liberation for millions; but also, certainly, death for too many, and illness and misery for thousands of others, choking and fighting for breath in the kind of smogs we are starting to take for granted. The package John Gummer announced yesterates the starting of the same announced yesterates are starting to the starting at least the same announced yesterates are starting to the starting at least the starting at least the same announced yesterates are starting at least the starting at le day begins, at last, to address that agenda with appropriate urgency. No such urgency, however, attends his deadline, five years into the next century. Nor is there any detectable sense of urgency in his Government's financial commitment. Much of the burden is simply dumped on cash-strapped local government. Mr Gummer has got the message. A shame it hasn't got through

from neighbourhood noise are increasingly acknowledged, they have no defence against the juggernaut thundering past the window. And unless there is drastic action, it is going to get worse. The Council for the Protection of Rural England this week published frightening evidence of what the Great Car Economy is about to do to towns and villages all over the land. In much of Britain, traffic will double or treble over the next 30 years, affecting not just major roads but what we now think of as country lanes, not even A or B roads, yet carrying comparable volumes of traffic. The lesson that building new roads encourages traffic growth has dawned at last on that great redoubt of the friends of road traffic, the Departbeen drastically cut. But if the consequence of that is to cram twice as much traffic into existing road space, our last

FREEDOM for the pike, wrote Tawney, | state will be worse than our first. Politicians have ducked this problem for far too long. Partly for fear of the costs of remedial action (though in fact the additional costs of a rational transport policy would be offset by substantial savings) but also from fear of public opinion. Voters are deeply ambivalent. They accept that we can't go on muddling through as we have been; they sense that only radical change will curb the use of our roads; yet almost every practical scheme for effective action is distrusted as an unfair constraint on their freedom to drive as they choose.

But that, 30 years ago, was much how simply dumped on cash-strapped local government. Mr Gummer has got the nessage. A shame it hasn't got through o his colleagues.

Yet choking pollution is only one of the mepacing consequences of what the menacing consequences of what safety. It is just as much in the public Margaret Thatcher called the Great Car interest today to reduce our national Economy. There is also the curse of dependence on, even addiction to, traffic noise: at a time when in other | travel by motor car. That won't be done contexts people's rights to be protected | without some measures which hurt. It won't for instance be done unless we get tough with the company car - an institution which might have been specifically devised to encourage people to clog our cities. It won't be done in a climate of deregulation: anyone who believes that it can should spend half an hour in the slipstream of one of the many antique and fume-ridden buses which privatisation has drafted on to our roads. It won't be done without that comprehensive transport policy which governments have consistently failed to provide over many decades. And it won't be done unless public opinion accepts the logical outcome of a situation it increasingly knows in its bones cannot continue. The toll which motor traffic is taking on public health and ment of Transport. Road building has public well-being far exceeds that of most of the dangers that constantly hit the headlines. Perhaps we need to start thinking in terms of Mad Car Disease.



Is enough being done to ensure GCSE targets for 2000 are met?

year-olds have done well. For the ninth year in succession, the proportion gaining A to C grades in GCSE has increased. Let the 600,000 who receive worry: whether schools were stopping their results this morning take a bow. Over half of all pupils taking English and just under a half in mathematics and science — have achieved a C or above. In all three core subjects, the proportion obtaining an A or starred A has gone up. Before the "moaning minnies" begin to talk today about falling standards, let no one forget what was going on before GCSE was introduced in 1988: two separate and inflexible examinations (GCE and CSE) were only taken by 60 per cent of secondary school pupils leaving 40 per cent without recognised qualifications. Now over 90 per cent leave with something.

Of course it is not all good news although just how bad the bad news is never emerges until later in the year, to the shame of the GCSE boards. If the boards can publish aggregate results of the 600,000 candidates, then they should also be able to provide other basic that the proportion failing to get any GCSE passes has been slowly rising. It reached eight per cent last year. We also know there is a twelvefold gap between the top and bottom 20 per cent — with the top gaining the equivalent Youth training schemes just have to in points of 12 C's and the bottom only improve.

FIRST the good news. This year's 16- getting the equivalent of one C. Nothing published yesterday suggests any change to these two depressing trends. There was mixed evidence about a third pupils taking exams in order to climb higher up exam league tables. There was only a one per cent increase in subjects taken even though there is a three per cent rise in the number of 16year-olds. Against this, the increase in pupils taking maths, english and science matched the demographic increase in pupil numbers. The figures seem to have been skewed by technology, which suffered a large drop in entries now that it is no longer obligatory. But there is one assured way of stopping schools excluding poor pupils from exams: value added tables which require schools to measure the progress of all their pupils.

The challenge facing the education system is not grade inflation, but whether standards are rising fast enough to achieve the target set for the year 2000: 85 per cent of 19-year-olds achieving five passes at GCSE at grades information such as the number of 16-year-olds not obtaining any passes.

Once again they failed to provide such telling statistics. What we do know is level of vocational qualifications where the spotlight should fall: 54 per cent of trainees drop out before completing their NVQ courses and a further third fail to achieve the necessary level.

## Mr Howard's identity crisis

At £15 a card, how many people will want it anyway?

IF ONLY the whole business of identity | card threatened to reduce a serious cards had been left where the home issue to the ultimate absurdity. The 12secretary Reggie Maudling consigned it star EU symbol was unacceptable to 25 years ago when he said these would Tory Euro-sceptics. The Union Jack not be introduced if Britain joined the Common Market. Ever since then the Northern Ireland. The Royal Crest idea has brought nothing but grief to somehow managed to upset both lots the Tory party - never mind to those concerned with civil liberties. Maggie Thatcher performed a celebrated U-turn over IDs for football spectators. Four years ago the Government announced that the argument for ID cards did not justify the cost. Then the issue was rediscovered by the flogging lobby and the catch-the-scroungers brigade: John at what his advisers said would be a stead he and Michael Howard have come very close to trumping themselves with a sceptical public and party.

should be printed on the "voluntary"

would be rejected by nationalists in simultaneously. Mr Howard, ducking to deflect criticism, hastily proclaimed that whatever happened it would not be

a "European card". That of course is precisely what it is: Mr Howard is only able to come up with a compromise solution now because Brussels has agreed that member states may add colours, markings, bar codes. Major was tempted to have another go national symbols and security features to the approved design. It now seems neat way to "trump Tony Blair". In that there will now be a whole clutch of cards with different symbolic permutations to avoid offence, and Northern Ireland left out of it altogether. But at 15 The row over what sort of symbol quid, how many people are going to think that it will do nicely?



#### Letters to the Editor

## No care for the children of vice

young people run so swiftly into the arms of the unscru-pulous. More importantly for the state — why do they run from the care system? Had you approached any of the country's growing number of independent children's rights officers, you would have found that many of the answers lie in residential-care practice — answers which are unpalatable for both local authorities and care organisations like

My own research — not a million miles away from Bradford — reveals a world where many young people in care live out a childhood of restriction locked up illegally, prevented from making tele-phone calls, and left to sleep in corridors when there "isn't room". The relationship be-tween punishment and as-sault is blurred. It can mean being dangled upside down, having your head smashed on the floor or having your bed

bulk-food buying results in never learning to shop or to cook — so imagine the embarrassment to a young person when, on leaving care, she is faced with collective cooking facilities in a seedy hostel. And sexual assault often goes unreported because young people believe that complaints will not be taken seriously.

Children and young people

need love and attention and often get neither whilst in care. If young people in care are allowed to develop the role in decision-making that the Children Act already guarantees them, the likelihood of being sexually controlled in the outside world would certainly diminish But would certainly diminish. But can the residential-care sec-tor deliver on the Children Act? Does it want to? Kenneth B Shanks.

Writer/director. Virtual Image, Elgin Road, Dublin 4.

AS THE law stands it is illegal for an adult to have sex with a child. Yet men are openly allowed to cruise the streets of our cities searching for under-age girls for the purpose of sex. Not only are these men

abusing our children, they are also corrupting them with offers of money. This should be stamped out, yet the police seem to take a very lackadalsical attitude towards the men who are using — or abus-ing — these children. As your leader states, "these men

seem rather immune". Last year, a BBC Nor gramme on under-age prostitution in Middlesbrough tution. The proposals in your showed that the treatment of editorial are admirable but showed that the treatment of pimps by the police seemed to | for any positive action to hapbe very lax and even bordered on friendly; and that the men in the cars were simply cau-tioned. Meanwhile, the girls were finger-printed, cautioned and criminalised by being known as a "common prostitute". 6 Lowcroft, Woodthorpe, Young girls and boys Nottingham NG5 4JR. prostitute".

OUR report on child need love and attention and should be protected and any prostitution in Bradford often get neither whilst in one who attempts to have sex (Lead story, August 21) care. If young people in care with them, or who controls leads me to ask why some are allowed to develop the the police and the authorities. Arresting, charging and pub-licly naming these men would be a first step. Ian S Mawson.

Co-ordinator, St Hilda's Education Project, Sussex Street, Middlesbrough, Cleveland TS2 1BQ.

YOUR honest and helpful editorial (Chasing the wrong target, August 21) refers to the duty placed on the police and social services under the 1989 Children Act to protect those under 18 from "significant harm". When it

comes to prostitution that
just doesn't happen.
There are boys and girls in
every major town and city in
Great Britain who today will
put themselves at risk by selling their bodies on the streets. Most of them are known to the police and social services. Many are in local-authority residential care. Children's homes are

meant to be safe places, but for many children it was go-ing into such an environment that first led them into prostipen there needs to be far more honesty from the police and social services about the scale of the problem and their pres-ent failure to deal with it. (Rev) Pat Brown. Sherwood Methodist Church,

## In Whitehall's secret world CONGRATULATIONS to Maggie O'Kane and Barnados for demonstrating that Bradford has a prostitution problem which is actually a childcare problem. However, it is worth setting the more horrific aspects of sexual abuse account the heatsquared.

abuse against the background

of a population growth

unique to Britain's conurba-tions. While other metropoli-

under-15s over the period

1991-2001. In the short term, there

tine" child-protection ser-

few opportunities for preven-tative work. We need govern-

ment agencies to think about

population and not just about prostitution when Bradford

AM staggered at your edito-rial naivety in advertising the availability of under-age

women for sex with provoca-tive pictures of them on your

Westbourne Road, West Kirby, The Wirral L48.

As an impoverished tax-payer who has no choice but to support the lavish life-style of the House of Windsor,

I am wondering if I might be entitled to Legal Aid to take out an injunction to stop the royal family from continually

reminding me how privileged

DESPITE recent wholly unjustified criticism of him

(Royal role for the Prince of

Darkness, August 21), the Labour Party needs Peter

Mandelson too much to spare him for the royal family. Would Bernard Ingham not

A Country Diary

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impinges

consciousness. (Rev) Geoff Reid.

Touchstone Centre,

Malcolm Williams.

32 Merton Road,

WAS surprised to see Tony Benn spring to the defence of Harold Wilson (Letters, August 20), particularly when he writes in his diaries that his opinion of Wilson was "very low indeed". We com-missioned the Secret History. film not to "repeat old smears but to find out what was going on in the months before Wil-

son's surprise resignation. tan districts have a declining population. Bradford is ex-pecting an increase of 6,000 The programme demon-strated that there was a group of disaffected MI5 officers out to discredit Wilson. Lord Hunt confirmed the nature of the problem. Wilson's health seems little prospect of any new government responding to this unique population growth, Meanwhile, "roualso clearly contributed to the timing of his decision to go and it's hard to fathom why Benn cannot accept that. If he knew so well that Wilson in-tended to resign, why does he say in his diaries that "no-body [at cabinet] knew it was vices in the city are severely overstretched with demands for crisis intervention leaving

coming"? Alan Hayling. Dep Commissioning Editor. Documentaries, Channel 4. 124 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2TX

IAVING worked with Imany outstanding Royal Navy colleagues over the years, I felt that Richard Thomas (Fighting off the Navy blues, August 17) missed the point. His two different images of naval officers — one in command at sea, the other in the MoD - were not front page. How can you seriously imagine that your photograph is not an mutually exclusive. The cap-tain of a warship or submarine carries a level of personal and immediate responsibility for the lives of his people beyond the experience of most of your readers. That some of these fighting commanders can also make a successful transition to the consensus-seeking, committee-led, shared responsibility of Whitehall demonstrates their flexibility, good humour and intellect.

As the Royal Navy shrinks, British industry should be snapping up these paragons. (Air Marshal) Sir Timothy Garden. National Liberal Club,

l Whitehall Place, London SW1A 2HE,

London El.

ALTHOUGH David McKie claims to be a friend of the footnote (Step forward, all friends of the footnote, August 21), I notice that he is using the modernisers' method of associating footnote with text on the same page. Genuine footnotes are always at the end of the text, where finding them is a veritable voyage of discovery. Edward O Greening. 25 Garden Street.

#### What to do with the Prince of Wales (and the Prince of Darkness)

YOUR article on the royal family (Change would have little effect on who is in line, August 20) misses the point. Ending the law of male succession would put Prin-cess Anne fourth in line to the hrone, not fifth. More impor tantly, should Prince Charles renounce his right to the throne not in favour of his son but in the manner of his grand-uncle, Edward VIII — "I renounce the throne for myself and for my descen-- then Princess Anne would become queen.

Thus, what appears to be a

simple act of modernisation could in fact be a ploy, of Ma-chiavellian proportions, to ex-cise the "troublesome" consequence of the Spencer and Ferguson marriages from the royal family once and for all. P M McGoldrick.

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IT IS is possible to resolve the monarch/president con-troversy relatively easily by changing constitutional law to create a presidency which has Prince Charles as the first occupant for a limited period (without election). This could

After a term of (say) seven years, the posts of monarch and president could separate, with the latter becoming an elected head of state. The monarch (and family) could be allowed to retire into wellearned privacy and obscurity. They could finance themelves from their existing investments and perhaps even undertake national ceremo-nial duties for fees according to a published scale.

Prince Charles could be

allowed to contest the presi-dential election as could any other nominated citizen. He should be required to relin-quish the monarchy to a sib-ling or offspring of either sex in order to ensure the separabe done via the required tion of duties and the subse-clauses in a Bill of Rights. quent conversion of the royal-

family into a socially (but not constitutionally) first family. H Lawless. 121 Laund Road Huddersfield HD3 3TZ

ULIAN Critchley (Tricks of

ULIAN Critchley (Tricks of the trade, August 21) again raises the question: if we abolish the monarchy, who will be head of state? May I suggest a simple answer no one. The Fabians have always muccosted developing the ready suggested devolving the monarch's remaining powers to Parliament, amhas tasks can be performed better by professionals, and there is no shortage of celebrities to open buildings and fill the pages of the tabloids.

## Saving on the service

ARRY Reamsbottom. CPSA General Secretary, has misunderstood the findings of the Efficiency Unit's Competing For Quality review (Letters, August 13). The review found that competition for the provision of services within government does work, that it has produced signifi-cant savings and that it has raised the profile of service quality among users and pro-viders. CFQ secures significant cost reductions and will soon have covered £4 billionworth of government activity. Mr Reamsbottom talks about the bill to the taxpayer of £90 million but not about the savings on activities opened to competition of £240-

2280 million, to which can be

added the substantial further

savings achieved through other CFQ efficiency tech

niques. He says that civil ser-vants generated higher sayings than private-sectorcontractors. The report actu-ally shows that the highest levels of net savings are from private sector firms not from Civil Service providers (18-25 per cent vs 11-14 per cent). The report did not say that all reviews below the value of £500,000 should never have been carried out; but it did acknowledge that reviews covering services valued be-tween 2250,000 and 2500,000 should be looked at critically. Sir Peter Levene. Prime Minister's Adviser on Efficiency.

#### Wet line

truth when he says they have never established a direct relationship between water disconnection and the spread of communicable diseases (BMA attacks water cut-offs, August 20). The link between community health and adequate supplies of clean water was established 150 years ago in Liverpool by Dr William Henry Duncan, the first medi-cal officer of health in the country. Perhaps the department would also have us be-lieve that children not being able to flush the toilet is conducive to good health. Sam Semoff. Flat 3, Princes Court. Liverpool L8 30J.

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THE spokesman for the De-partment of Health is being slightly economical with the low, peaty water running off the moorland slid over pol-

#### always provokes mixed feel-ings of expectation and trepidation, but as we squeezed through the stone stile in the bridge parapet that spans Eg gleston Burn all looked much as I remembered it. The steep track descended through pine, birch and alder. Far be-

ished sandstone boulders. Above us, grassy banks covered with betony, harebells and devil's bit scabious stretched to the skyline. We stopped to watch a family of spotted flycatchers snatching insects from the air, then pushed on to our first objec-tive; an ancient alder with a full-sized rowan growing

from its crown.

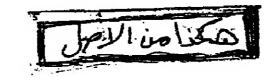
A blackbird dropping with a rowan stone must have fallen into a crevice in the alder. From there the rowan roots have grown down through the rotten branch and bole to reach the soil, giving the epiphytic alder enough stability and nutrients to outgrow its host. In

EGGLESTON, TEESDALE: | autumn, as the rowan berries Revisiting a favourite haunt | turn scarlet, it makes a curious sight. When we reached the burn we sat and watched aeshna dragonflies catching insects under the trees, with one dragonfly performing an aerial manoeuvre that I've never seen before; a perfect head-over-heels somersault, with barely a missed

wingbeat. We finally reached our main objective — a mossy mire on the fellside, studded with ivory-white blooms of grass of parnassus, each with a ring of glistening yellowgreen staminodes that mimic nectar but offer insects no

reward. Then a commotion of swallows drew our attention to the horizon. They were mobbing a buzzard, that drifted over us in wide circles, without a trace of concern for its hysterical pursuers. This little valley, with its pick-a-back tree and deceptive flowers, is still a magical place, where somersaulting dragonflies and a wandering buzzard come as no great surprise.

PHIL GATES



#### Diary

Matthew Norman

HE world of counselling is mourning one of its brightest stars. A formal announcement in the Journal of the British the Journal of the British
Association for Counselling
reveals that Member Number 33-438, from the Oldham
branch, has been expelled.
The announcement, signed
by general manager Judith
Baron, claims that under
Article 5 of the BAC's
Articles. Bernard Manning Articles, Bernard Manning "brought counselling into "brought counselling into disrepute, misrepresented his membership status, gave good reason to believe there had been a serious breach ..." and so on. Mr Manning, who joined the BAC back in February, was unaware of his expulsion until we rang. "Oh dear, they've not kicked me out have they?" said the former

have they?" said the former specialist in racial awareness and sexual matters. They never told me they were doing that. I ought to take them to court, because they should have given me a chance to defend myself. I'm not sure what to do now. I'm so upset I might have to see a counsellor myself."

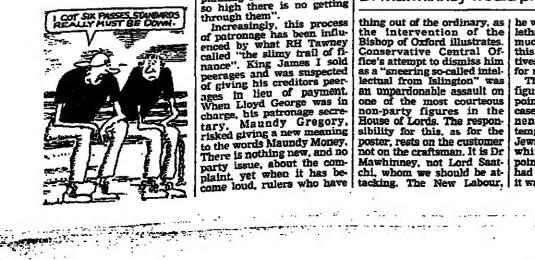
N next week's Here! magazine is an intriguing piece called Diana's Revenge. "Princess Diana, in a playful mood," says the caption beneath a row of pictures, "gets her own back on top royal photogra pher Martin Stenning."
What splendid timing. The
Princess enjoys a good chase," says the man now banned by injunction from going within 300 yards of her. "It's just a little game she enjoys playing. There are no hard feelings . . . "

EANWHILE, how cheering to note the change of heart at Monty Montgomery's Daily Mirror. The paper was bestde itself yesterday at barrister Julia Samuel's observation, in the Harvey Nichols video snooping case, that women who show a bit of cleavage are asking to be photographed. "Her remarks — condemning every woman who ever goes shopping to becoming victim of a sick voyeur sparked outrage last night," harrumphed the Mirror in a story memorably headlined You Can Spy On Diana's Breasts. This is an encouraging development. It was, of course, the same Daily Mirror which bought pictures of Diana working out at a gym, taken by a hidden camera. Hats off, Monty!

T the Mail on Sunday, the power struggle between co-editors Jonathan Holborow and Oswald, his white cotton handkerchief, goes on. Mr Holborow recently dispatched two backs to find out the extra-marital lover of a New Labour figure. When the pair reported a fortnight later that it was a member of his own staff, the former shepherd was paralysed with indecision. "He had no idea what to do." says an MoS source, "so Os-wald took over and spiked the whole thing. Holborow had a decent enough sum-mer, but now the hankle's getting on top again."

ROM the Erse-speak-ing island of Tory off the coast of Donegal, with a population of 140. comes a flicker of hope for the Northern Ireland peace process. A recent visitor to Tory was one Harry Erne, a Viscount and (es Lord Lieutenant), the Queen's rep-resentative in County Fer-managh. Lord Erne, who went with a painter friend during a folk-music festival, was seen in the island's hotel listening to sing-ing . . and there, just be-hind him, was Mr Gerry Adams. Whether or not they had arranged to meet is unclear. Lord Erne was out yesterday, but his wife denied collusion. "Oh, well, they didn't meet, actu-ally." said Lady Erne. "It's quite funny, isn't it? Every-body had heard that Gerry Adams was there, but funnily enough they didn't run into each other. It's a heautiful place, though.

ANCHESTER's gay village becomes more popular all the time, with this weekend's gay and lesbian mardi gras expecting up to 25.000 cused around Canal Street. organisers are hopeful that the people who have stolen the letter "C" from the street sign will return it be-fore the fun begins.



## Pig of a problem in the his life. For the same reason, apes and monkeys should not be used as organ sources. These seem to be sensible precautions, and may well be included in the Kennedy commission's report on the operating theatre

## Commentary

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#### George Monbiot

ONIGHT Channel 4 tells the disturbing story of a 13-year-old girl who, because she girl who, because she has Down's syndrome, has been denied the heart-and-lung transplant which is her only hope of survival. Hospitals argue that a severe shortage of suitable organs means they must make hard choices about who gets transplants. They give priority to "normal" people, rather than to people whose lives after the transplant would still not be transplant would still not be considered "whole".

Their valuation of human life seems crushingly unfair, but there's no question about but there's no question about the shortage of organs. Almost 5,000 people in Britain are waiting for new kidneys, and hundreds have almost lost hope of receiving new hearts, lungs or livers. People with Down's syndrome—though many are afflicted with failing hearts—are not even included on the waiting lists. Every year the dearth of suitable organs condemns scores of people to a slow and

horrible death. It is hardly surprising that there is a rush to get round the problem. But the ethics of the proposed so-

has a problem very much like ours, there is now an increasours, there is now an increasingly vociferous lobby in not, according to the Departfavour of reversing the 1984 National Organ Transplant Act, and enabling the sale of human organs. The Act, the lobbyists argue, denies the poor an opportunity to use their assets to improve their means but with humans but with pigs. Some researchers believe that, within a few years, prospects. In India, for example, des-

perate people will ward off starvation by selling bodily parts. Corneas go for \$2,500 (leaving the vendor blind in one eye), kidneys for £900 and patches of skin for £30. The irade is largely voluntary, if the only means of warding off destitution is truly voluntary. but wherever there is a market there is, of course, the possibility of coercion—ruthless people deceiving or bullying the poor and weak into surrendering their resources. The press in many Third World countries abounds with tales of such practice — of drugged people waking up to find their eyes have gone, of children being

to get round the problem. But the ethics of the proposed so-lutions may be just as un-wholesome as the ethics of leaving Joanna to die.

In the United States, which has a wohler very much like.

If is only a rightly illegal to It is, quite rightly, illegal to buy organs in Britain, but

> Some researchers believe that, within a few years, transplants of whole organs from animals to humans will be routine. "Xenotransplanta-tion", its exponents say, averts the moral dangers of a trade in human organs, while ensuring a supply of bodily parts to hospitals as regular as the supply of meat to

> Supermarkets.
> The xenotransplantation debate has so far concen-trated almost exclusively on the risks of generating new human diseases. These are, researchers acknowledge, un-quantifiable. Pathogens which may have lain harmless and undetected in a pig could, in the new environ-ment of a human body, burst into malign fecundity. Earlier this year, the Nuffield Coun-

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included in the Kennedy Commission's report on the ethics of xenotransplantation, which is due to be published by the Department of Health within the next few months. But in the United States, researchers are working to a different set of standards, following an Institute of Medicine report proposing Medicine report proposing that transplants from pri-mates are acceptable. As new human diseases are interna-tional problems, proceeding without an international pro tocol looks hazardous.

But even if we overcame the risks of disease, there is a real danger that the principal ethical questions are being fudged. Protagonists of xeno-transplantation tell us that

One of the most extraordinary adventures humankind has ever undertaken is about to begin

there are no new ethical issues at stake. Humans, they say, have practised biotech-nology for millennia. This is simply another step along that road, qualitatively no different from breeding dachshunds or preparing vaccinations. hunds

But ordinary pigs are no good for transplantation. Human DNA must be added with failing hearts — are not even included on the waiting organs, of anaesthetised palists. Every year the dearth of suitable organs condemns scores of people to a slow and are wholly fictitious, yet usual diseases for the rest of the experimental processes

involved have been patented.
To get a patent, your process must be both novel and inventive — in other words, a clear conceptual step beyond what has gone before. The researchers can't have it both researchers can't have it both ways. Either xenotransplantation is merely the continuation of a tradition, and therefore ineligible for patents, or it is novel and patentable, and begs a whole new set of ethical cuestions.

cal questions.

For example, some xeno-transplantation operations such as bone-marrow grafts
— will work only if the animal cells migrate throughout the human body, so that the patient becomes a cellular mixture of human and ani-mal. What does this mingling do to our identity? What does the receipt of the heart and lungs of a pig do to a patient's sense of self? Are, in turn, the transgenic pigs in any sense human? Do they have a different set of rights?

But technology is racing ahead of ethics. The Papworth Hospital in Cambridgeshire may be the first place in the world to make a realistic attempt at the transplantation of a whole animal organ into a human body. The director of transplant services says he "will probably wait" until the Kennedy Commission report, but hopes to begin human trials within a year or two. One of the most extraordi-

nary adventures humankind has ever undertaken — the breaking down of barriers betreaking down or barriers be-tween ourselves and other species — is about to begin, attended, remarkably, by the virtual absence of public de-bate on any but technical matters. To Joanna and her perents, advocating a moratorium on xenotransplantation trials until we've thought much harder about what we're doing must seem like yet another cruel blow. But this issue is simply too big to botch. Technology is no sub-stitute for ethics.

## **Beware the** battle-cries of 'experts'



Meg Henderson

LOUCESTER Road was the start of it, then Dunblane. Before Fred and Rosemary West were discovered, and before Thomas Hamilton committed murder in the school gym, their sex-ual leanings had been apparent to many. The perversions of Sophie Hook's killer were also well known for years. Now the news that children's bodies are being dug up in the basement of a Belgian house has sent fresh ripples of fear through every family. It's a natural reaction; anxiety is programmed into parents in order that children will be

The latest bandwagon is slipping into gear. The creak of the wheels and the appearance, mainly through self-appointment, of "experts", is now well under way; paedophilia is the next stop along the line. We have seen it all before and it is almost impossible to stop, because in this country we do love our "experts". By creating or pandering to the latest shock-horror topic, any idiot can climb the career ladder in no time. We are suckers for anyone who gives our darkest nightmares credibility, even if they have none them

Some 10 or so years ago, when the sexual-abuse bandwagon got into gear, I was fostering abused children they did actually exist before among those trying to apply the brakes, and for advising caution we were almost branded as heretics. No one listened, except those who marked us down in their little marked us down in their little let's stop for a minute and notebooks as potential, if not think. Before the next battlehardened, abusers.

Myth became accepted as gest that one section of the breath and try to be rational population does not lie about one subject. The danger was that the experiences and suffering of those who had been abused would be devalued by the constant cries of wolf, that dogma would lead social workers to falsely assume that sexual abuse was at the root of every problem. There was very little quality therapy for sexually-abused chil-dren, and there was no evi-

with a particular axe to grind One faction simply wanted men locked up — forget helping the children, just lock the bastards up and throw away the key. They didn't bother with diversions, like the num-ber of women who abuse. Their one and only conviction was that all men had the physical equipment, ergo, all men were potential child abusers, as though ability equalled inclination. Males, criticised for their inability to show affection, who had been encouraged to become in-volved with their children, instead became wary of touching them. A good thing too, said the "experts": all men should rethink their attitudes to physical contact. Bunkum again; children need spontaneous physical contact with both parents, with aunts and uncles, without implant-ing in their minds that there is something wrong about it. Unless, that is, we want future generations unable to form relationships with the

opposite sex.
The other group of hijackers were those self-appointed
"experts". Careers were
founded on sexual abuse, gurus scrambled to the mountain summit to dictate words of dubious wisdom to the masses; they wrote books, did talk-shows, gave interviews, and their wisdom was rarely questioned. But now the bandwagon has moved on; no one wants to hear about sexual abuse any longer, something even worse is needed to capture the jaded attention of the masses. Right on cue after Dunblane came Belgium. The next stop is paedophilia.

PECULATION about in ternational paedophile rings without hard evidence has about it the same whiff of hysteria as satanic the Big Discovery. I can abuse. "Experts" are now clearly remember being cropping up everywhere to among those trying to apply warn that paedophiles are not monsters, they are ordinary people. Often they seek to work with children, and children trust them. All true, but cry becomes "Your next-door neighbour is a paedophile". fact. "Children don't lie about | before we assume that everysuch things" became the one who likes children is a hattle-cry of the "experts", danger, before embarking on who suddenly appeared from yet another terror ride and nowhere. Bunkum, we said, giving the next band of gurus children lie about everything: an undeserved career opporit is patent nonsense to sug- tunity, we should take a deep

There have always been paedophiles. Such people are not the result of some new virus. Some, like the Wests. Howard Hughes, who murdered Sophie Hook, and Marc Dutroux in Belgium, had pre vious convictions for crimes against children. What we should perhaps be addressing is how their earlier crimes were dealt with by the au-thorities. We do need to proience the bandwagon would | tect our children, but part of address that problem. It that is not terrifying them didn't; but then that wasn't into fearing every adult who the intention. The whole subject was hijacked by those lieving that every "expert" is.



**Conrad Russell** argues that the way to free patronage from 'the slimy trail of finance' is to reform party funding — and free the House of Lords of control by the executive

## Who pays the piper

there has been government, there has been patronage, and wherever there has been patronage, there has been resentment. The ruler who raises "vile men from the raises "vile men from the dust" like King Henry I or King Richard II, surrounded by corrupt cronies like the proverbial tyrant, are types as old as government. When King Edward IV married Elizabeth Woodville, her relations, who were as numerous as Rabbit's, were made peers. Lord Rivers, head of the family, became so powerful that the court fool, on a rainy day, turned up on a rainy day, turned up dripping with wet and cov-ered with water weed, com-plaining that "the rivers be so high there is no getting

planing there is no getting through them."
Increasingly, this process of patronage has been influenced by what RH Tawney called "the slimy trail of finance". King James I sold peerages and was suspected of giving his creditors peerages in lieu of payment. When Lloyd George was in charge, his patronage secretary, Maundy Gregory, risked giving a new meaning to the words Maundy Money. There is nothing new, and no party issue, about the complaint, yet when it has become loud, rulers who have plaint, yet when it has be-plaint, yet when it has be-come loud, rulers who have tacking. The New Labour, it was all a joke. Is that what outcry against paironage is Democrat working peer

| not heeded it have tended to | New Danger poster was | Henry II should have said if | coming from a party which is not heeded it have tended to run into trouble. There is nothing new about peerages going to those who have contributed to the funding of political parties. This should be met by reform of party funding and wider terms of reference for the Political Honours Scrutiny Committee. It is also clear that such concerns have always been concerns have always been most intense at times when large amounts of Crown property are being sold off. Yet even if this is an old story, the concern about the Demon Blair posters is some-

manise them, and therefore to deprive them of the protec-

taken to task immediately after he had spoken them, for this turbulent priest?"?
At the very least, demonis ing opponents must make government by consent, if they should be electorally successful, even more diffi-cult than it is already. It is an even more curious exer restraints. It is the exact opposite of what the House of Lords is all about. When Lord Saatchi sits in the House of Lords, as I am sure Labour leader. This is, as I

Previous cases of demonising opponents have preceded attempts to kill them, as the Jews know very well. Dr Mawhinney would probably say I had no sense of humour

non-party figures in the House of Lords. The responsibility for this, as for the poster, rests on the customer not on the craftsman. It is Dr. Mawhinney, not Lord Saat-chi, whom we should be at-

The word lethal is not a figure of speech. It has been pointed out that previous cases of demonising opponents have preceded attempts to kill them, as the Jews know very well. Dr Mawhinney, faced with this point, would probably say I had no sense of humour, and it was all a joke. Is that what

thing out of the ordinary, as the intervention of the Bishop of Oxford illustrates. Conservative Central Office's attempt to dismiss him as a "sneering so-called intellectual from Islington" was an unpardonable assault on one of the most courteous non-party figures in the House of Lords. The responsibility for this as for the up to scrutiny. So has my own party, and so has every other regime as far back as records will stretch.

in favour of a purely nomi-nated House of Lords. The hereditary peerage is not a good system and does not confer legitimacy, but at least their benefactors have the advantage of being dead. Obligations to Queen Vic-toria or to Henry VIII do not dictate current political be-haviour. A corrupt deal 300 years old creates no presentday political obligations Pure heredity and pure nomination are both bad sys-tems, but at least each may occasionally temper the evils

of the other.

The prime function of the House of Lords is to check the executive, whose control of the House of Commons is of the House of Commons is now nearly complete. It is hard to see how a House entirely nominated by the executive would be competent to do this job. "The man whom the King delighteth to honour" has never been the man who tells him he is suffering from political halitosis. That task must be done by people immune from livby people immune from living patronage. Tony Blair today is a wronged man. It is because he is a wronged man that he must go away and think again about how he should reform the Lords.

Russell (cr 1861). He is a Liberal

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## Stinger of the WASPs

who has died aged 80. looked, spoke very image of that powerful social phenomenon which this Ivy League sociologist immortalised with the

Legend has it that the contegenti has it that the our capt emerged by accident in 1964, when Baltzell was preparing statistical tables for his ground-breaking book The Protestant Establishment; Artificial and Courts in American istocracy and Caste in America. One of the tables compared the educational and income levels of various eth-nic groups. White Anglo-Saxon Protestant was too long for the column, so he shortened it to WASP.

A cliché was born, to Balt-zell's amusement and occasional irritation, as the term became faintly derogatory about the very people who used to call other ethnic groups names. The real irony was that Baltzell put into genme just as the WASP estabeconomic dominance was Puritan Boston and Quaker

written while John Kennedy, a Boston Irish-Catholic with a Harvard veneer, was President. And the only classic WASP to have been elected to the White House since was George Bush, who waltzed so far from his New England patrician roots that he claimed to be a Texan.

Much of Baltzell's subse

quent work was devoted to the decline of the WASP, which, he argued in his University of Pennsylvania lectures, was the result of too much in-breeding and too much resist-ance to the rising energies of Catholics, Jews, Asians and other groups who have en-riched the American talent pool. "People talk about what Episcopalians have done and their power, but what Jews have done in the United States since World War Two is now the great untold story," he concluded in 1981.

He also questioned whether the WASP phenomenon was nationwide or restricted to New England. In 1979, he pub-lished another striking book, Ethics and the Spirit of Class Authority and Leadership. Although far less read than The Protestant Establishment, it punctured the assumption that WASPS were WASPS wherever they were found. He contrasted the Boston

uppercrust with their chari-

'He was able to insinuate the idea of aristocracy into a democratic

culture'

table works, public institu-tions of learning and the arts and high-minded sense of civic duty, with the far more casual behaviour of Philadelphia's similar toffs. His con-clusion was that the New England Puritan tradition was far more public-spirited, if far more bossy, than the Quaker tradition brought by William

the WASP was public responsibility, noblesse oblige, and the code of the gentleman. He mourned the passing of amateur sport and his last book Sporting Gentlemen was a la-

He mourned rather less the fading dominance of the and bow ties and bought his WASP, on the grounds that it striped shirts from London. could only be justified by up-holding the old code of public service, and the bloodthinned strains of late 20th century WASPdom were sim-ply not up to the job. "He was able to insinuate the idea of aristocracy into a democratic culture," commented Professor Irving Louis Horowitz, a colleague and also Baltzell's publisher. 'Not an easy task,

ment over the vulgarisation

and he did it well. Baltzell was born in Phila-delphia, into classic WASP circumstances, and reared in the very proper district of Chestnut Hill. His father was a wealthy insurance broker. The family faith was Episco palian and he went to St Paul's in New Hampshire,

For Baltzell, the essence of I can prep schools that echo the

English public school
He took his first degree at
the Ivy League University of Pennsylvania in 1939 and his doctorate in sociology from Columbia in 1952, and in between he was a Navy pilot in the Pacific, just like George Bush. He wore tweed tackets striped shirts from London. He was still enjoying walking holidays in Britain until recently.

Academy of Arts and Scien-tists, and of Harvard and Princeton, he taught at Penn-sylvania from 1947 until his retirement in 1986. He mar ried Jan Piper in 1943 and after her death, in 1991, he married Jocelyn Carlson, who survives him, along with two daughters and two step-daughters and his brother,

Edward Digby Baitzell, Ivy League sociologist, born

Jews, and it was in a spirit of reconciliation that he invited Cardinal Koenig of Austria to

eddress the West London Synagogue's congregation last year. It was in this spirit, too,

that he visited Germany. Paul Zafsharam writes: Rabbi

rors of the Holocaust and the dispossession suffered by his

Europe. He was warm, com-

pessionate and incisive when

however, he was silent on the

clearing from Israel of Mus-

lims and Christians to create

*Philip Kestelman writes:* In

thoughtful series on Evil. in-

cluding the Jewish Holocaust.

other words, he blamed Ausch-

witz on atheism; which, how-

ever forgivable, is plain wrong.

Jeremy Goring writes: Your admirable obituary of Geof-

frey Dearmer (August 20)

omits to mention his hymns.

six of which were included in

Songs of Praise, the fine col-lection edited by his father, Percy Dearmer. "Those who love and those who labour

follow in the way of Christ", perhaps the best-known of his

hymns, was attributed simply



Humphrey Fisher . . . from sport to science via stately homes and household pets

## Sir Sigmund Sternberg writes: Rabbi Hugo Gryn (obituary August 30) was a dynamic participant in many inter-faith groups, including the Council of Christians and **Humphrey Fisher**

## Taking television into the operating theatre

Hugo Gryn movingly and elo-quently articulated the horfamily and Jews in Eastern a pioneering BBC then—surgical operations on was given to me to produce (I television producer actual patients. who has died aged 72, discussing ethical issues on Radio 4's Moral Maze. Sadly, had a lean and hungry look: but there the comparison with Cassius ends, for he was an excellent colleague and a true and delightful friend. dispossession and ethnic

Perhaps because he was born into the Establishment - the fourth of six sons of Lord Fisher of Lambeth, Archbishop of Canterbury — he was able to penetrate two of its bastions, medicine and According to the book Gryn diagnosed: "When you have removed God, and Godly moscientific research, for the first time on television. Certainly his birth never pre-vented him from enjoying life and despising pomposity. He was pleased to regard himself as the black sheep of the family and rejoiced in telling everyone he had been asked

to leave Cambridge because of He was effortlessly absorbed into a BBC which was still the home of the gifted amateur in 1950. But in Tele-vision Outside Broadcasts, mostly transmitted live, he was soon driven towards a him through a long career that could try the nerves of

to "GD". The words provide a fitting commentary to his the toughest producer.
He started with sport, then long and quietly creative life. R L Clifford writes: Lord Harewood asserts that it was graduated to stately home visits mingled with programme an agonising deprivation for conductor Rafael Kubelik about household pets (Good Companions) before taking on, in 1968, a new series, Your Life In Their Hands (also (obituary August 12) to be cut off from his native land. Agonising it might have been but known as Their Knife in Your Glands). The idea was to demystify medicine by transthe deprivation was volun-tary. From the wealth of fine recordings which came out of Czechoslovakia during the mitting - mostly live, be-

It was the first time TV

cameras had been allowed into the operating theatre and the experience left the medical profession jangling with discord. Many members of the British Medical Association felt that medicine was a secret garden in which lay-men had better not tread. But Fisher had a staunch ally in Dr Charles Fletcher, who stood up to his colleagues and ably and sympathetically presented the programmes which ran until 1965.

ISHER went on to pro-

duce a number of "science spectaculars" large-scale studio programmes tackling such subjects as the human cell and cancer. They were marked by large studio mod-els, film inserts, and a density of scientific prose that baffled the audience as surely as the pictures may have enlight-ened it. These were the days when scientists thought several times before appearing on TV for fear of what colleagues might say; too often popularism was slighted for being vulgar or trivial. He caught the caution in

the wind and, when a magazine programme called Challenge — an annual review of lieve science could be chopped up in a magazine format. Challenge — forerun-

Mirror and was regarded as tainted). It was a success and the first person to appear at my door the following day was Humphrey admitting his

After a spell as the BBC's Australian representative, he became bead of the Science and Features department in heads discovered, it was not a happy experience because of difficult relationships within

the group.

He returned to Australia in Broadcasting Commission as much at his wife's prompting as his own: Diana loved journalist and TV personality there. Humphrey spent the

rest of his life in Australia. His departure from the BBC was a great loss. Much is made of his charming idleness and his close attention to the golf course. The truth is more complex. When there was work to do, he did it but he had the gift of thinking twice as quickly as anybody else and used the time saved more profitably than sitting

#### **Glym Jones**

Humphrey Fisher, television producer, born August 23, 1923; died August 2, 1996

#### **Death Notices**

#### In Memoriam

PLANTAGENET, Richard - Remember before God, Richard III. King of England and those who fell at Someorm Pietd, hav-ing kept taith, 22nd August 1485. Loyassie me Lie. Bichard III Stockey, A. Oskley Street, Chefsch, London SW3 Sept. ■To place your announcement religions 0171 713 4567. Fax 0171 713 4129

#### Uzo Egonu

## Metaphor's master



Uzo Egonu and (right) part of his work Past and Present via the Diaspora

ZO EGONU, who has |

died aged 64, was de-

finest painter. But

Egonu was not only an Afri-

he had lived in England and

like many black intellectuals,

on his "critical encounter"

time he left school decided he wanted to become a painter. Formal art education in Nige ria was then in its infancy, so Henry Egonu followed the cus tomary path for Nigeria's emerging westernised class and sent his son to Britain for

played an important part in postwar British artistic life. In 1945 Uzo arrived in England. After four years at a challenged the western myth Norfolk private school he of the naive African artist by studied painting and topogra phy at Camberwell School of Arts and Crafts. There folsetting his work within a mod-ernist tradition, combining lowed two years travelling in Europe, studying old and mod-ern masters and African art. with western art and an Back in London, he sup-ported himself by selling occasional drawings and water

further education

awareness of his African heritage and the experience of post-colonial Nigeria. He was born in Onitsha, eastern Nigeria. His father, colours. His first patron was a rich Gambian who provided financial security and set him off on his artistic journey. By Henry was a colonial civil sertalent and supported him. En-couraged by his teachers, he took private tuition and by the ing his work through galler-

PRIAN SNAPE, who has and Keith Fielding to the willows.

Snape was also a far-seeing and vitality he brought to chairman of the Rugby Foot-

ies. His first solo show was in But meanwhile the Nigerian

political situation was worsen ng. In 1966 there was the first military coup which would be followed by the colossal trag-edy of the Biatran war. The events of the following years left their mark on both the man and his work.

In 1966 he had met the Duchess of St Albans who, after visiting Egonu's studio, offered him a show at her Upper Grosvenor Gallery. The exhibition bition included early works as well as those inspired by the Nigerian situation. He beca an active campaigner and his second Grosvenor show was a benefit for victims of the Biafran war.

Egonu's exuberant colours and constructed forms defy the emotionalism so common in the depiction of tragedy in painting. He used allegory and

On leaving the RAF in 1946,

Snape built up one of the largest cinema groups in the

panded he moved into steak

houses, restaurants and hotels. His success enabled

him to indulge his sporting passion and after joining the Salford board in the 1950s he helped transform it into one of

cacies and inconsistencies of many Third World artists, he redefined the boundaries of modernism. He was also a very fine print maker, receivng many continental awards for his silkscreens and etchines. He was also a tury member for a 1981 Unesco-orga-

metaphor to discuss the intri-

nised poster competition. Kind, soft spoken, compas sionate and very private, Egonu never gave up his deep faith in life despite losing much of his sight in the 1970s and suffering two massive heart attacks in the 1980s. He is survived by his wife, Hiltrud, whom he married in

Rasheed Arasen

maker, born December 25, 1931; died August 14, 1996

It will have been a source of great satisfaction to him that a week last Sunday his beloved

"Red Devils" won promotion

to the Super League

two daughters.

Paul Fitznatrick George Brian Snape, business-man and rugby league entrepre-neur, born March 3, 1915; died

upon thy script for as surely as

the winds blow, so shall he change his mind. Speak not in

large words to actors, for they

easily confused. Speak not in

the language of the TECHIE to

Beware of the actors during

scene changes, for they are not

like unto you and are blind in

when flying in walls, for they

will stand and watch and get crushed. Listen carefully to

the instructions of the Director

as to how he wants things done
— then do it the right way. In

the days of thy work, he will

the credit, and rejoice.

see thy wisdom, give himself

And above all, get carried

thy stage will be like unto an

away not with the glow-tape, or

the dark. Beware of actors

are slow of thought and are

actors, for they are unini-

thy meaning.

tlated, and will not perceive

obituary of Christopher Cas-son (July 17) described Michael Macliammoir as "an Englishman named Alfred Wilmore". Who's Who in the Theatre will confirm he was born in Cork, son of Alfred Anthony Macliammotr. His stage name as a child actor was Alfred Willmore.

communist period, it seems it was a particularly rich time

could have made it richer still.

#### Birthdays

Mary Allen, secretary-gen-eral, Arts Council of England, Leni Riefenstahl, film direceral, Arts Council of England, 45: Honor Blackman, actress, 70; Ray Bradbury, author, 76; Prof Sir Colin Buchanan, town planner, 89; Henri Car-tier-Bresson, photographer, 88; Steve Davis, snooker player, 39; Margaret Doug-las, chief political adviser, BBC, 62; Margaret Prosser,

tor, photographer, writer, 94; Sheila Rothwell, director, Sheha Kothwen, infector, Centre for Employment Policy Studies, 60; Gen Norman Schwarzkopf, Gulf war com-mander, 62; Karlheinz Stockhausen, composer and conductor, 68; Deng Xiaoping, Chinese dictator, 92.

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**Brian Snape** 

rugby league in the 1960s and 1970s. As chairman of Salford

most exciting and successful



#### Sing a song

I MET her 1. — 2.—; I can 1. outside Fresno at a truck shop in a nightmare 2. at McDonald's wrestlin gators poppin uppers sort of pregnant 3. that burlap bra the neon sign the hearing aid that creepy smile 4. breakin' out with acne slurpın up linguini talkin' in Swahili smellin' kind of funny å. but i loved her

when she shot me and I knew 6 .-- ; 7 .--I'd 8.— forever; 6. no guy would ever love her more, that she'd be an easy score, I'd never rate her more than four. I'd upchuck on the

Snape was also a far-seeing chairman of the Rugby Foot-ball League from 1974 to 1976. He maintained that two of his

David Oxley and David

periods in the club's history, Howes, the sport's secretary Salford board in the 1950s bringing players such as and public relations officer. helped transform it into one David Watkins, Colin Dixon, who were to be at the game's the most glamorous clubs.

7. I told her shrink promised her A Klingon said My hamster thought 8. stay with her warp her mind punch her out change my sex She said to me 9. —; But who'd have thought she'd 10. — 9. she couldn't stand my tie her basset hound was shy our love would never die she loved my one blue eye 10. boogie turn green 11. —; 12. — goodbye.
 11. with my best friend on a surfboard

in my Edsel

12. I now can kiss my credit

bridge and said: She told her

cards, I pushed her off the

fat friend Grace to say; She fell beneath the wheels and cried; I guess I was too smashed to say Do-ti-yourself Country and Western song at www.cscornel Ledu/info/people/ckline/

#### Technical lines

EXODUS And lo, as the year begins, so is the Gaffa Tape delivered unto the TECHIES, who do revere and worship the Gaffa. And, soon, does the Gaffa Tape leave the store, to be used by the TECHIES in pursuit of excellence in their techie activities, and also in various activites with fair TE-CHIE maidens, And, the head TECHIES do soon become wor-ried at the amount of Gaffa used, for while much use of Gaffa does surely lead to a higher plane of TECHIE existence, the year must be split in two: 6 months of plenty, following the delivery of Gaffa unto the TECHIES, and 6 months of famine, when the Gaffa must surely run out. Proverb: Behold, my son here is wisdom. Pay heed to these words, and in the days of thy play, in the hours of thy performing, thou shalt not be Extracts from the Techie bible, caught short. Give not unto the those at the Edinburgh festival actor his props before his time. that rarely get remembered. Found at www.bath.ac.uk:80/ for as surely as the sun does rise in the East and set in the West, he will lose or break them. When told the placement of props by the Director, write not these things in ink

#### Just quackery? Mountain-air breathing

THEORY: Breathing in puri-fied, low-oxygen air makes your skin rosy, enhances brain power, boosts energy levels, improves your sex life, and, if you have bad eyesight, it usually improves in one go. METHOD: Stand under a perspex bubble that looks like a large, inverted goldfish bowl Then breathe in the special air in three-minute bursts. Lamb-foetus injections

ageing cells to behave more like young ones. Skin tone, dexterity and hair condition are often improved. METHOD: Swiss clinicians inject you with something called CLP extract, taken from the livers, kidneys and spleens of

clock! The injections stimulate

unborn lambs. Toad-breathing THEORY: Lose weight without | Zest . . . toad-breathing

feeling hungry by doing a series of 6,000-year-old Chinese breathing exercises. Your body becomes so well balanced that, you won't want to eat junk food or big meals. METHOD: You inhale very deeply, expanding your abdo-

men only (like a toad, geddit?). This massages internal organs, improves circulation and calms you down so you're less likely to fall off the dieting wagon. Oh and you follow a



carbohydrate, sugar and fat free diet. Magnetic therapy THEORY: Magnetic waves

speed circulation and stimu-late nerves, "feeding" your skin and keeping you wrinkle METHOD: Apply a pad at-

tached to a power pack to "me ridians" on your body. Then you feel ... nothing. Your body's own magnetic "radio waves" are measured with a probe that's waved over your body. Wonky frequencies show organs that aren't functioning well and the Biocom operator uses the probe to "reture"

your body.

Zest explores the world's weirdest (and biggest wastes of time) beauty treatments.

#### Newspeak SFTCOM — (Single Income Children oppressive

Mortgage)
SINBAD — Single Income No Boyfriend and Desperate). It would appear that Major's classless Britain isn't so much a jet set as a debt set. Forget Filofaxes and red braces, get yourself a long-term burden.

pursuit involving the taking of most known drugs, each one as an antidote to the other. "I was coming down off the smack, so I had some speed to get me going, an E to get me off my face, a line of coke to take the edge off it, a couple of spliffs to calm me down and a handful of jellies to help me get to sleep after all the poppers. Have you

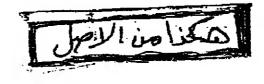
DRUG LEGO — a chemical

got any fags."
YETRO—a style or fashion which has gone out but which has not yet been the subject of a retro revival. "I really like your shellsuit, it's so yetro." Netro — referring to those things that have gone out of style and will never be the subject of a retro revival, "Is that an original Sinclair C5, how netro.

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## Finance Guardian

## High street takes a knock

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HE GOVERNMENT kas last night shrugging off a sur-prise July fall in high street spend-ing, arguing that an international antiques fair was one of several exceptional factors

retail spending was rising.

retail spending was rising.
The slowdown, however, eased fears of a return to a 1980s-style consumer boom. It would be spending was rising.

Supply growth, (the figures) provide useful ammunition for Mr Clarke in the base rate debate," said HSBC bank ana-

LK prices may fall

following concessions wrung from the milk distribu-

tion body, Milk Marque, by the Office of Fair Trading. The OFT announced yester-

day that the Milk Marketing

Board's successor, which controls distribution from 20,000

farms in England and Wales.

had agreed to open up its auc-

tion prompted by complaints from the dairy industry when Milk Marque was established

The Director General of Fair Trading, John Bridge-man, said he was still un-

happy with some aspects of Milk Marque's operations but the concessions it had made

were enough to avoid a refer-

ence to the Monopolies and

The dairy industry gave a

Mergers Commission.

This follows an investiga-

Roger Cours

renewed speculation that the lyst Jonathan Loynes. The Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, Government said up to half of would make a further 25 hasis point cut in interest rates in the autumn to maintain mo-mentum in the economy as

the general election nears.

This would help ensure voters felt the benefits of the economic upturn, and speculaof several exceptional factors masking a strong upward trend in consumer activity.

Although retail sales fell by 6.6 per cent in July against June. the Government pointed to the less volatile three-monthly and annual comparisons which showed retail spending was rising.

Milk Marque deal

Marque, but said it was im-possible to predict the impact on milk prices once the new regime comes into effect next

But City analysts estimated

that bulk prices could fall by one pence per litre and

marked up the shares of leading dairy companies Unigate and Northern Foods.

Unigate's chief executive, Ross Buckland, said the OFT

victory was a step in the right direction. "It is the first real

positive sign we have seen that Milk Marque has recog-nised it cannot abuse its mo-

The main promises made

by Milk Marque concern the

tendering process by which dairy companies bid for milk. From next April's quarterly bidding round, the prices at

set to cut prices

was due to real-life Lovejoys doing fewer antiques deals after enjoying a roaring trade

Officials insisted that an-tiques dealers did so well out of the showpiece Grosvenor House Olympia summer antiques fairs in June — netting up to £60 million as a result that they distorted the national retail index. Sea-sonal adjusting failed to counter the fairs because they were more successful than in previous years, the Office for National Statistics claimed. Organisers of the glitzy Grosvenor House event,

which attracted top interpa-

The OFT complained that previously the system only allowed for prices to rise.

Milk Marque will also cap the price at which it invites initial bids, based on the prices paid in the previous 12

months by the leading buy-ers. And it has agreed to con-tinue a "spot" market for

milk not sold on the monthly

and three-monthly contracts.

Dairy companies have com-plained that Milk Marque has

an unfair position in the auc-tion process because it con-trols almost two-thirds of the

volume of milk produced.

They remain unhappy with Milk Marque's refusal to offer

prices excluding transport, a practice which Mr Bridgeman

recently described as anti-

cautious welcome to the assurances made by Milk able to fall if there is not marque, but said it was impossible to predict the impact

nopoly position. It shows that all has not been as it ought to have been. It's still not, but significant progress has been system which limits the total

Retail sales

tional collectors and celebrities, supported the official

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view. Sue Bond said there June. Taken together with were signs of a return to recent figures they show high 1980s-style confidence in the street sales are on a healthy trade, with visitor numbers up 3.2 per cent on last year upward trend."
The Labour Party seized on

and more spending on big-ticket items. The ONS said an ecdotal evidence from deal-ers supported this optimism. Officials and City analysts were expecting July to be slightly weaker than June, but they pointed to the less to the forest property of the Pressury, said: "These figures show there is no room for compliacency on the economy and bear out people's misgiv-ings over the strength of the colatile three-monthly index, which rose by 1.1 per cent in the three months to July and

was 2.7 per cent higher than at the same time last year. Phillip Oppenheim, exche-quer secretary to the Trearecovery."

● An Income Data Services survey of private sector pay showed settlements this sumsury, said: "Retail sales eased in July following an excep-tional 1.5 per cent jump in mer were held down below 3.9

## Ken may take the rise out of Eddie



Edited by Larry Elliott

N HIS return from holiday two years ago, Ken-neth Clarke ambushed the City with a rise in interest rates, justifying the move as a pre-emptive strike against inflation. That was then: this is now.

That was then: this is now. Notwithstanding yesterday's news of a sharp fall in July high street sales, consumer demand is strong and likely to get stronger. Yet, only two options are being seriously canvassed in the markets for the next performance of the the next performance of the Ken and Eddie double act on

September 4: leaving rates at 5.75 per cent or cutting them. For the moment, Mr George is seen as Ernie Wise to the Chancellor's Eric More-cambe, the long-suffering straight man with none of the good lines. Mr Clarke, by con-trast, is having a whale of a time. With inflation low he has justifiably cut rates four times since last November's

It seems pardoxical, then, to suggest that this might be the

time that the Chancellor chooses to heed the advice from Threadneedle Street. But there is such a case.

First, you get a far bigger bang for your buck if you move against the market consensus, and it would be better for the Chancellor to move at a time of his own choosing rather than be dragged kick-ing and screaming into a rate rise closer to the election. (On this basis, the chances of a repo cut by the Bundesbank today were strengthened by confidence.)

Second, while a rate rise would chime with Mr Clarke's assertions that there is no mileage for the Government in stoking up a boom, it would have the added beauty of making Budget tax cuts easier to sell to the City.

Last but not least, if the Governor is right, the Chancellor will get the credit for his prescience: if he is wrong, rates can always be cut again.

#### Labour in a spot

ONSUMERS and investors are not the only people with a vested interest in the outcome of the clash between British Gas and watchdog Clare Spottiswoode. Politicians have as

much to win or lose. The Conservatives stand to gain from the prospect of a 17 2002. Such a cut would not only contribute to the nascent resurgence in economic confi-dence but it would also shore up the distinctly tatty record displayed by the privatised utilities towards consumers.

News in brief

French firm

to run trains

Commuters were promised a

record £400 million invest-ment in new rolling stock yes-

terday when a French com-pany, CGEA, won a 15-year

franchise to operate the South East Train Company between

would delay the promise of that pay-out. Labour only stands to lose

Labour only stands to lose from Ms Spottiswoode's planned crackdown on profits since this would leave British Gas better placed to argue that it should be excluded from a windfall tax.

Despite BG's battered mage, its shares rose vesterday to close 6.5p up at 204p as the market expressed its relief that Ms Spottiswoode's final proposals, announced yesterday, had not been

tougher.

The changed proposals are clearly directed at minimising BG's chances of winning at the MMC.

First, she has allowed the company to spend another £27 million a year on safety and hands a year on sancy make the leakage expenditure, a move that quickly brought an endorsement from the Health and Safety Executive. Second. she increased the valuation of the company's assets by £700 million to £11.7 billion.

BG's chances of winning more concessions at the MMC on a business that made a 20 per cent profit on turnover last year seems remote 14 last year seems remote. It should accept the proposals, concentrate on the looming upheavals of competition and leave the public posturing to the politicians.

#### Mutual friends

MAGINE the fuss if a bank announced a 21 per cent fall in pre-tax profits on the basis that it had decided to be share price would plummet, there would be a boardroom shake-up, jobs would go.

Yet, as one of the building societies opting to retain its mutual status, the Bradford & Bingley could merrily hand out £1 million a week to its savers and borrowers safe in the knowledge that there would be no comeback

Compare that generosity by those mutuals planning to convert into quoted compa-nies. Here, the quest for higher profitability and good old-fashioned investor greed has meant a bad deal for savers, who are enjoying (if that's the right word) miserable real post-tax interest

The reason is simple. Hundreds of thousands of carpetbagging investors have opened accounts in the hope of getting their mitts on conversion bonuses, and the soci-

locked up.
As a result, savings rates can be cut with impunity, boosting profitability, while societies can boast that depos-

its are still going up.
But this is nothing to the stampede into unit trusts seen in the first half of the year, an important factor behind the rise and rise of the FTSE 100 in 1996. But once we have a shake-out in equities - as we undoubtedly will at some point — the search will be on for a safer haven. At that point, those societies brave enough to remain mu-tuals will be vindicated. Their The alternative, a drawn-out inquiry by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission shareholder-driven PLCs.

Carla Stovall, has launched

legal action to stop tobacco groups including BAT, RJR Nabisco and Philip Morris

Polygram, the music and film group, yesterday bought the

51 per cent of Go!Discs record label it did not already own.

No price was disclosed for the

Mersey Docks and Harbour Board said yesterday that the bitter dispute with dockers it

sacked last year had cost it only £600,000. Half-year pre-

tax profits fell to £13.2 million from £16.8 million.

Hutchings paid £1,2m

Greg Hutchings, chief execu-

tive of the conglomerate Tom-

kins, was paid just over £1.2 million last year. He was also granted options over 1.8

marketing to children.

Polygram swoops

Dispute cost

## Four expelled from City as SFA cracks the whip

Dan Attimson

HE former financial controller of Barclays Stockbrokers in Glasgow has been expelled from the City for stealing £176.525 which he frittered away on exotic holidays, home furnishings and an expensive Robert Sim Jenkins, cur-

rently serving a two-year jail term for his embezzlement, has been struck off the regis-ter of the Securities and Futures Authority, the body that polices exchange-based lenkins was allegedly dis-

gruntled after expected pay rises and bonuses were not paid to him. He was convicted and sent to prison in April

Directors proved

unfit rise by 83pc,

ORPORATE miscon-

duct is booming in Britain's boardrooms,

the number of directors dis-qualified for unfit conduct in

the second quarter of 1996 compared with the same

period last year.
Court action by the DTI in

solvency service saw 203 indi-

viduals barred from holding

directorships for up to 15 years in the three months from April to June. This com-

pares with 111 directors

struck off in the same period

an increase in dodgy directing. But these figures go to

and is taking the situation

A DTI spokesman said: "We

reports Sarah

Whitebloom

forcement arm on unauthorised and illegal activity.

Two of those expelled were "rogue traders" of the Nick Leeson type, albeit on a smaller scale and with less catastrophic consequences than with the man who brought down Barings bank.
During 1995 and early 1996,
Kikuo Watanabe, formerly of
New Japan Securities' London branch hid thousands of caused by unauthorised spec-ulative plays on the foreign-

exchange market by various deceitful accounting entries. in an echo of the Leeson af-fair, Mr Watanabe exercised both dealing and settlement functions, allowing him to

affairs minister, said: "The Insolvency Service is on a mission to rid the business world of unfit directors. The

latest figures show that cor-

porate misconduct is being

other directors might be get-ting away with misconduct but the department could

in disqualifications had arisen because the insolvency service has been given additional funds to allow all indentified cases of rogue directors to be pursued.

In the past, the DTI has only been able to go after the "big fish". But the extra resources have made it possible for every case of misconduct to be taken to court.

However, the DTI's statis-

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tics also show there has been a steep rise in the number of

disqualification returns sub-

mitted by insolvency

practitioners.
These reports identify any

company misconduct and form the basis of court action

The DTI spokesman said

of a fourth. The expulsion remedy the position. Mr Wablitz reflects a continuing transhe has returned to Japan. Karim Tabet, formerly employed by Bear Stearns Inter-national, exceeded his dealing limits and hid losses and un-authorised trades by entering false deals on the computer

Simon Burch was sacked by Manchester brokers Henry Cooke Lumsden in February last year; when he applied in December 1995 for a job with another firm, he used his home computer to "scan out" of his letter from HCL any reference to the reasons for his dismissal. This attempt to deceive has led to his expulsion

John Ludlum, a former European equities trader with Salomons, deliberately mismarked Belgian shares between October and early February 1995 in order to hide losses. He has been reprilosses. He has been reprimanded and fined £5,000 with replaces the 800ft Canary Wharf as Europe's tallest building

DTI casebook

Miss the bus and then get caught by a whiff of lemon up your nose

Höhe heute

of promotion — the olfactory offensive

marked by another advance of the advertising and marketing industry.
The riotous and volatile
early 1980s? Adverts on
London's beloved black cabs and the transforma-tion of TIM, the speaking clock, into "the time spon-sored by Accurist". The boom and bust of the last decade? See cricket whites defiled by brewery adverts. As for the moral turpi-tude and the general feel-ghastly factor of the pres-ent, it has been a toss-up between Cadbury's use of the St Paul's Cathedral dome on November 6 last year as a huge backdrop for

port users with lemon vapour.

Or, as Del Monte's adver-

There's no escape, either: "an infra-red device will sense that someone is at the bus stop" and activate the

nology, reminiscent of the Berlin Wall, has already been used to create talking

startled to be urged by speaking displays to "in dulge your loved one with a can of new Spillers Purr fect but, remember, it is just for cats".

Now, after Spillers's aural assault, Del Monte is planning an olfactory

The first aroma poster, advertising Del Monte's Citrus Twist, will appear at a bus stop in Oxford Street, although how long it will survive the Saturday-night attentions of Soho's pub and curry-house set is any-

one's guess.

More menacingly for Del

Monte, an age in which even solicitors are allowed to advertise is an age in which some bus passenger, somewhere, will hire a law-yer and claim enormous damages for alleged respi ratory distress or "wilful traumatisation" caused by secondary consumption

of Citrus Twist. Or perhaps for that we will have to await the fum-

London, the Kent coast and parts of Sussex. CGEA has been given a long franchise so it can replace the line's entire "slam door" fleet. Some of the rolling stock is nearly 40 years old, but passengers will have to wait three years for the

Building 'slow' Marley, the builders mer-

chants and materials group, said the UK market remained "disappointingly slow" as it unveiled half-year operating profits of £25.9 million.

**Tobacco action** The Kansas attorney general

TOURIST RATES - BANK SELLS

Australia 1.8950 France 7.5975 Austria 15.89 Germany 2.2325 Belgium 45.81 Greece 359.50 Canada 2.0750 Hong Kong 11.69 Hong Kong 11.65 India 55.08 Cyprus 0.88 India 55.08 Denmark 8.6575 Ireland 0.9350

million shares, yielding an immediate profit of £550,000.

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check his own paperwork.

This is a breach of SFA rules, and New Japan has unconnected cases, the In unconnected cases, me SFA announced the strikingbeen fined £10,000 with £4,700 off of three other former been fined £10,000 with £4,700 | manded and members and the censuring costs. It has promised to £4,000 costs. **Corruption rising** in the boardroom

according to Department of Only act on the information it received.

Trade and Industry figures published yesterday. They revealed an 83 per cent rise in disqualifications had in disqualifications had a vicen because the insolver of directors discussed the directors discussed the insolver of directors discussed the insolver of directors discussed the d

1 May: Matthews & Yates, Colchester ventilation firm, two directors disqualified for total of 12 yeers. Alleged: Failing to account for cash John Taylor, the corporate

> 7 May: Provincial & City Properties, Manchester, two directors struck off for total of nine years. Alleged: Misappropriating company assets, excessive benefits and loans to directors.

9 litay: Anthony Copping of A Copping Technical Systems (Communications), Systems (Communications Kent burgler alarm firm, disqualified for nine years. Alleged: Trading without reasonable prospect of

10 Jume: Vogue Leisum (St Annes), public house/ restaurant business. Two of 21 years. Alleged: Controlling company while an undischarged benkrupt and misuse of bank account.

2 duly: Two directors of " County Security, a Birmingham area provider of security guards, barred for total of 13 years. Alleged: Allowing company to trade without ressonable prospect of paying creditors.

Dan Atkinson sniffs out a fresh piece

a chocolate-bar promotion or on Pepsi Cola's payment of \$2 million to Russian spacemen in return for their floating a vast Pepsi tin outside the Mir

Collapse of civilisation and you'll find it keteers have devised a new much in-your-face as upyour-nose. Advertisements in bus shelters for Del Monte soft drinks are to squirt hapless public-trans-

> tising agency put it, the il-luminated advert "will release a citrus fragrance".
> Young & Rubicam, the perpetrators, boast that the "aroma posters" will be the first of their kind in

spray.
This anti-personnel tech-

supermarket shelves. Last

ing Esso poster, the smouldering Rothmans advert and the belching bitter

spacecraft. autumn, customers at cer and the b But now, presaging what tain Somerfield shops were promotion.

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Clare Spottiswoode of Ofgas has refused to be deflected by the industry's frantic propaganda campaign. Chris Barrie reports

## **British Gas** loses bills battle with regulator

lobbying campaign by British Gas failed to prevent industry watchdog Clare Spottiswoode from vesterday carrying out her threat to cut almost £30 off the average annual house-

The price review by Ofgas has highlighted how battles between regulators and regulated are increasingly being fought in the public domain. Just over a year ago BG was

humiliated when more than its annual general meeting and rebelled openly against huge pay rises for top direc-

But, faced with the "smash and grab" tactics of Ms Spottiswoode three months ago, BG turned for help to these former adversaries and lobbied shareholders to join the campaign to water down Of-

Some 35,000 shareholders Ms Spottiswoode.

Ms Spottiswoode.

Ms Spottiswoode. ing to Ofgas demanding changes to the price controls planned for BG's highly profitable transportation busi-

It is likely many of them were alarmed by the slump in the BG share price. When Ms Spottiswoode first announced her plans for TransCo, £1.3 billion - 13 per cent of its worth — was wiped off the value of BG shares within

BG also briefed institutional investors, some of whom went to see Ofgas offi-

And the company launched a vigorous lobbying campaign of a more conventional kind. Apart from briefing politi-cians and agencies, BG explained to its suppliers the Mer implications of what it felt case were savage price controls.

And it made sure that trade unions knew that thousands of jobs would be axed if from now on. TransCo were forced to squeeze costs as fast and as far as Ofgas claimed was poss-

N UNPRECEDENTED | that its regulator is evolving into a more formidable oppo-

try watchdog, Professor Stephen Littlechild, Ms Spotconsultants to buttress her inquiry and conclusions. BG found it was fighting a regulaonly hot words, but detailed accounting practice as well.

vesterday that, while the camning tangible results. Unfortunately the company had not won many concessions from

regulator to fight shy of a public battle and yesterday she remarked pointedly that BG had won little support from customers in its lobby-

ing campaign.
But she acknowledged that she had been surprised by the "huge amount of response" to her original proposals and, as a result, had modified them. She was equally at pains to emphasise that she was being "fair" to shareholders, and

talked a lot of "compromise".
Dismissing the "barrage of stories" put up by regulated industries during a price review. Ms Spottiswoode said BG would be better advised to concentrate on convincing her, her office and, ultimately, the Monopolies and Mergers Commission of its

On that score, at least, she and BG deputy chairman Philip Rogerson will be at one

Driven by a public mood of impatience with the privatised utilities, watchdogs in the electricity, water and telecommunications industries have all been embroiled recently in highly publicised clashes. Like the electricity indus-

A senior BG manag paign had mobilised support, it was a "moot point" how successful it had been in win-

Ms Spottiswoode is not

The company admits that

the time for shareholder lob-bying is now over and that



## No meeting of minds . . . Regulator Clare Spottiswoode and British Gas's unhappy deputy chairman, Philip Rogerson

#### No stranger to controversy

CLARE Spottiswoode, born in Lancashire in 1953, has gained a reputation for charm, ambition and determination as direct tor general of Ofgas. A former Treasury civil servant. she was educated at Cheltenham Ladies College and

Clare College, Cambridge, where she read economics. Unlike her fellow regulators, Ms Spottiswoode has shown little reluctance to speak out She demanded a salary

rise at the height of the controversy about pay and perks for British Gas direc-tors, suggested BG might be in financial difficulties over take-or-pay contracts, and had to deny having an affair with a Whitehall official

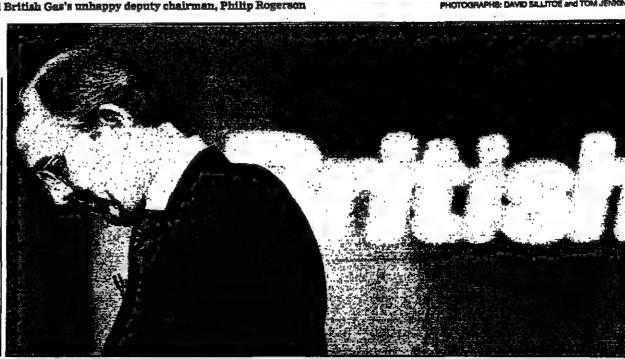
#### Pressure is on for gas deputy

PHILIP Rogerson may prove to be the most important deputy chairman that British Gas has ever had. The former finance direc-

competitive and methodical, faces the onerous task of defending a company synony-mous in the public mind with

corporate excess. Mr Rogerson, 51, was edu-cated at William Hulme Grammar School, Manchester, started work at 17 and joined ICI in 1978.
Since joining British Gas
four years ago, he has been
responsible for the TransCo

transmission business and is leading the plan to demerge trading business next year. Mr Rogerson is described as ambitious, at times secre tive, but unpretentious. All are qualities needed when



## Neighbour's low-rent lure heightens recovery tension | Underside

#### PATCHWORK PROGRESS/ Crossing the Tamar marks 'economic cliff' that splits South-west and undermines attempts to attract investment, writes Geoffrey Gibbs

the west of England attempting to lure them with the offer of low-rent factories. have reawakened fears in the South-west of being left behind in the current economic

They provoked consternation among local authorities in the region already worried by the success of the Welsh In winning inward investment and brought a swift 'hands off warning from the housing minister, David Curry, the recently appointed minister for the South-west.

In a stinging rebuke to the clear that economic develop-

the Development Board not be encouraging jobs and industry to move within the UK but joining in a national effort to bring overseas investment to Britain. His strictures underscored

the findings of a recent report by the Confederation of Brit-tsh Industry's Bristol office that showed the South-west lagging behind all regions of the UK other than East number of jobs created or safeguarded by inward

Statistically, the region comprises the five counties of Avon. Dorset. Gloucestershire. Somerset and Wiltshire together with Devon and Cornwall.

Taken as a whole, it is one

not Club Class

LOSSY brochures from | ment organisations should | of the most prosperous regions in the country and has according to CBI figures, consistently outperformed the UK's average growth rate over the past 15 years.

The largest English region geographically, it accounts for 8.3 per cent of UK employ-ment and 7.8 per cent of GDP. But it is a region with varied needs and vastly different shades of economic performance.

A report from the Plymouth Business School this summer highlighted a picture of grad-ual decline in economic prosperity that emerges the fur-ther south and west one travels

Whereas Wiltshire has a GDP per head well above the national average, Cornwall

easyJet

most easterly county with a GDP only 71.6 per cent of the national figure.

Crossing the Tamar say the Plymouth academics "is almost like falling off an economic cliff".

Many argue that, as a region, the 'South-west' is an artificial grouping. Cornish business leaders, for example, feel the county has little in common Gloucestershire.

The CBI points out that, unlike other European regions, the South-west economy has not been formed by a depen-dence on a single industry. While the industrial mix is a source of strength in times of recession it has not helped produce the clear regional identity that is essential if the region is to be marketed effectively.

There are, however, signs of change. Mr Curry's appointment should ensure the region's voice is heard in Whitehall, if not in Brussels. And a West of England Development Agency has been es-tablished under the auspices of the Department of Trade and Industry's Invest in Brit-ain Bureau to co-ordinate the inward investment plans of the more affluent easterly

Even there, post-cold war retrenchment in the defence sector and recession-induced shedding of labour by service sector companies has concen trated minds on the need to woo outside investors to the English side of the two Severn crossings.

To the west — where the decline of the mainstay fish-

structural problems task of attracting outside investment has been handled for more than a decade by Devon and Cornwall Development International which has successfully targeted compa-

industries.

Ken Martin, the DCDI chief executive, is under no illusions about the special problems facing Devon and Corn

wall, large parts of which

lags almost 40 percentage | ing and tin mining industries | qualify for assisted area | points behind the region's has led to more deep seated | status. The two counties are aiready home to a number of overseas-owned companies. Toshiba, Wrigleys and Nortel are all well established in the region and even South Crofty, the last working tin mining business is Canadian con-trolled. But Mr Martin says there is a need to overcome nies in the healthcare, medical products and electronics pherality of this sub-region in order to continue attracting

inward investors.

Fighting back



## **USAir steps up campaign**

Keith Harper Transport Editor

SAIR last night stepped up its campaign against the proposed merger between British Airways and American Airlines by applying to operate from four US citles direct to Heathrow.

BA's unhappy American partner, which has already filed a lawsuit strongly opposing the merger, said it had ap-plied to the US Department of Transportation for permission to serve Heathrow from Boston, Charlotte, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh.

The airline, in which BA has a 34.6 per cent stake, cited the need for competition in | tary, Ian Lang, that the alli-

BA and AA. It said it would to the Monopolies and Mergprovide the only US flag competition in each of the four cities, which otherwise would be dominated by the service provided by BA and AA.

USAir's move puts in-creased pressure on the BA-AA merger. Two weeks ago it appeared a falt accompli after strong support from the Transport Secretary, Sir George Young, and the back-ing of the all-party Commons transport select committee, and muted opposition from other American airlines.

Now the outcome is not so straightforward. The Office of Fair Trading is to tell the Trade and Industry Secre-

the US-UK market in view of | ance constitutes a merger and the proposed alliance between | that there is a case to refer it ers Commission. This will lead to a split in the Cabinet on how to respond. USAir said it strongly sup

ported the US government's efforts to secure an "open skies" agreement with the UK. But it stressed that this kind of deal required a market structure in which it and other US airlines could compete from their hub cities to Heathrow.

In the application, USAir said it believed it was uniquely situated because of its route network to give con-sumers an effective choice on schedules, prices and levels of US cities and the UK.

#### Dan Atkinson

OTTEN times on both sides of the Atlantic for Bear Stearns, the investment bank. Over here, former trader Karim Tabet has been hoofed out of the City for a spot of rogue trading (exceeding dealing limits, entering shost trades into the system and other Leesonia) while over there scurrilous suggestions in the gay press that a top Bear has been ex-ploring his sexuality in the most alarming manner has caused more than a little finitering in the devented fluttering in the dovecotes. Dull it ain't.

OSTSCRIPT to our August 1 item report-ing that the magazine SuperMarketing had devoted an entire issue to down-scale, nay basso profondo, supermarket group Somerfield, in which the company's chief executive, David Simons, became "guest editor" for the edition. Somerfield has now limped to the stock market and was last some transfer. and was last seen trading at 158p, against initial hopes of a 180-190p float price, and SuperMarketing, in true independent style, has marked the occasion: "Somerfield shares enjoy up-beat start", it trills in its latest issue. "Somerfield thumbed its nose at critics." Don't ever change.

OING business in Mexico? Then don't McGraw-Hill's Passport to Mexico — 2 pocket-book packed with etiquette info aimed at saving businessmen from losing deals through cultural faux pas -

local economy", and are famous for "loving to dance and for being open about their sexual appetites". Flirtation, Zapotec style, would seem to involve climbing church roofs and bell-towers during flesta time and pelting the men and boys below with, inter alla, bananas, pineapples and coconuts, "a tradition known as Tiradus de Frutas". McGraw-Hill is plan-ning 22 such guides including ones on Japan (don't hug your host). Argentina (don't give tips). Sweden (don't sip your wine before your host) and Switzerland (don't send red roses). We'll stick with Oaxaca, thanks.

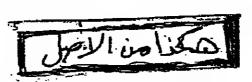
H-HUH, I know what you're thinking. Did he cut six blades of grass or was it only five? Britain's very own Tom-kins combine is understandably reserved in its annual report about its Smith & Wesson subsidiary, producer of "the most powerful handgum in the world". The at-a-glance guide at the front buries the Magnum-maker in a section headed "professional, garden & leisure products" with a pic of a lawnmower. In the detailed breakdown, S&W's hand-cuffs merit a photo, but there's not a lot about shooters. Do I feel reticent? Well, do you punk?

A FINAL word on those don't-put-your-foot-init business guides from McGraw-Hill: some FINAL word on those miss the state of Oaxaca whose "Zapotec Indian women" provide the "notable exception" to the country's trad division of labour between chaps, who pull the ox-cart, and ladies, who run the household.

years ago, visitors to Japan were warned never. ever—like never—blow your nose in public while in the land of the rising sun. On-the-spot investigation by a correspondent suffering chronic sinus difficulties proved conclusively that years ago, visitors to Japan proved conclusively that this was a load of old sushi The unworthy thought arises that all these crosscultural gaffes have been invented by the publishers declares that Zapotecettes manuals gaffe-avoidance



"Keep off my moon. So says German pensioner Martin Juergens as. apparently, the moon has been in his family since 1756, when King Frederick II kindly passed it on to one of his ancestors."



## **Dettori hits out** at bans system

Chris Hawkins reports on a day of mixed fortunes for Britain's champion jockey

the line — that in itself being a masterly effort from Lynch, who has been taught by his guvenor Reg Hollinshead not

RANKIE DETTORI slipped off his cloud, but only temporarily, at York yesterday when handed a four-day suspension (starting August 30) for irresponsible riding.

Dettori finished third on Russkin Snows behind the winner Key Change in the Aston Upthorpe Yorkshire Oaks, but was judged to have nudged Whitewater Affair on his way through.

brush with authority put him off.

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his way through.
It was a definite manoeuvre

and under the strict letter of the law Dettori was guilty, but the champion jockey is not happy with the decision and is considering an appeal.

"I'll have a look at the tape and decide whether it's worth

and decide whether it's worth appealing." he said. "I've got to think about it because under the totting-up system I could be off for two weeks eventually.

"This four days would mean I'm up to eight for irre-sponsible riding, and if I get to 12 then another offence, I'm automatically off for a

"We're the only country in the world that's got this totting-up system and I think it's wrong — each case should be judged on its merits."

Dettori, as can be seen, is not loth to express an opinion these days - something no

Abou Zouz had disap-pointed Loder badly at Kemp-ton in May and was given a long rest, but he came back to his best here and got the bet-

West here and got the net-ter of Compton Place and The West in a war of attrition.

"He'll probably go over seven furlongs next time, whereas I've got Bahamian Bounty (Sunday's Prix Morny winner) for the Middle Park, said Loder. One day Fergal Lynch

could be lording it like Det-tori and the 19-year-old ap-prentice won the biggest race of his fledgling career when cantering home on Clerkenwell in the Tote Ebor.

This is supposed to be one of the season's tightest handicaps, but Clerkenwell turned it into an embarrassing procession for the man who compiled the weights.
Lynch let Clerkenwell go
approaching the two-furlong

mark and from then on it was just a question of who would The answer was Beau-

to win too far.

Michael Stoute, the win-ning trainer, was delighted with Lynch, having first no-ticed him at Epsom during the Derby meeting Stoute booked him to ride Clerkenwell two days ago, knowing he would have to ride at overreight. In fact, he put up 4lb

weight. In fact, he put up so extra.

The lad from Co. Derry has shot to the fore with 55 winners this season, but his success is no great surprise. He comes from a racing family, with one of his brothers. Sean, being a jockey, while another, Cathal, is a trainer in Atlantic City.

Hollinshead, a master Hollinshead, a master

teacher of apprentices, says he has never known one of his charges achieve so much so quickly.

If there was an unlucky horse in the Ebor it was Corradini, who finished strongly

radim, who imished strongly in third after failing to get a clear run, Kieren Fallon not exactly distinguishing him-self on his first big ride for Henry Cecil.

Key Change, the Yorkshire Oaks winner, surprised her trainer John Oxx, although he is well known for his pessi-mism. Despite his reservations about the ground being too fast for the filly, she com-prehensively turned round the Irish Oaks form with the doubt born of supreme self-confidence, and, characteris-tically, he did not let his threequarters of a length at was never going well.



Lynch party . . . Fergal Lynch brings Clerkenwell (right) home ahead of Beauchamp Jade in yesterday's Ebor PHOTO MICHAEL STEELE longs and is bred to be better over this six.

## Berry plays Mind Games

IND GAMES, odds-on but only sixth in last year's Nunthorpe Stakes, may this after-noon finally achieve Jack Berry's ambition of train-ing a group one winner at York, writes Chris Hawkins. By no stretch of the imagination could this year's Nunthorpe be de-scribed as a vintage contest and, apart from the French ace Anabaa, there seems to be a dearth of top class

sprinters these days.
Connections of Hever Golf Rose, who won last year's Prix de l'Abbaye, may resent this remark, but their filly has not managed to win in seven at-tempts this season.

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She was fourth in the King's Stand Stakes at Royal Ascot and has nearly six lengths to make up on the winner, Pivotal.

Racing on the favoured stands rails on that occastands rails on that occa-sion, Pivotal got up to beat Mind Games, on the oppo-site side, by half a length and is not guaranteed to confirm the form here. Mind Games (3.10) seemed to find the stiff As-

cot five furlongs too much for him and will be suited by today's flatter track. Carmine Lake (2.35) is

taken to confirm the favourable impression she made in Goodwood's Molecomb Stakes. She produced a good turn of foot at the

7.20 Horling 8.00 Generos

## York runners and riders with form guide

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## **Beckham in** the frame for call-up

David Lacey sees problems in defence as England coach looks for continuity

AVID BECKHAM's spectacular garryowen of a goal last Saturday may well have secured the 21-year-old Manchester United midfielder a place in Glenn Hoddle's first England squad, which will be announced today. Hoddle's priority, however, will be to create a strong defensive base for the opening World Cup qualifier in Moldova on Sunday week, and here he is hardly spoilt

On taking over from Terry Venables less than eight weeks ago Hoddle said he wanted to give England's younger talents a chance. Beckham's inclusion would add substance to that sentiment, but the new coach is short of a few wrinkles at the

Tony Adams, who led England to the semi-finals in Euro 96, has had another knee operation, and Graeme Le Saux, the obvious choice for left wing-back, is still not ready after a long lay-off; hence Hoddle's need to talk Stuart Pearce out of interns-Honal retirement.

Hoddle can pick Gary and Phil Neville knowing that the young Manchester United pair are able to fill a variety of defensive roles, and Gareth Southgate should be sufficiently recovered from the trauma of missing his penalty in the semi-final shoot-out with Germany to take his place in the back three which looks likely to be a regular feature from now on.

Gary Pallister, who missed the European Championship with a back problem, looks a better option than another ab-sentee, Mark Wright, but the defensive talent is still thinly

Perhaps Hoddle is thinking to the match against Po of a change of role for Paul Wembley on October 9.

Ince, who might make a sound anchorman at the back rather than in midfield. Howrather than in midfield. However, this would still beg the question of who could provide the defensive wedge between the penalty areas. If Hoddle asks himself whom he would least like to meet after taking the hall over the halfway line, the name of David Batty might spring to mind. Or Nicky Butt.

With Beckham in such ony-

With Beckham in such obvious good form and Steve McManaman still taking the ball past opponents at will, Hoddle should not be stuck for players who like to go for-ward. But Paul Gascoigne has ward. But Paul Gascoigne has had an Achilles problem and David Platt has missed a couple of games for Arsenal with a back injury, which does not bode well for Hoddle's hopes of maintaining a strong thread between the European Championship and the World Cup.

Already time is the new England coard's greeny. Yen-England coach's enemy. Venables had 2¼ years to prepare England for Euro 96. Hoddle will have less than a week to acquaint himself with his new charges before the match

"With the games coming together so quickly it's going to be a very hectic start," he said yesterday. "Even though I've watched five Premier League matches in five days l still haven't seen as many as I would have liked: Ideally I would have liked another two reeks before having to name the squad."
So drastic changes are un

likely, for the moment. Hoddle may ponder the way Teddy Sheringham's lack of pace was exposed in June, and Alan Shearer may find himself a lone striker in Kishiney. But two more Tottenham players,
Darren Anderton and Sol
Campbell, can expect to be
retained, along with a former Spur, Nick Barmby.

The FA has invited Frank Skinner and David Baddiel.

authors of the Euro 96 anthem Football's Coming Home, to become involved with the national team in the build-up to the match against Poland at



Unfamiliar territory . . . Shearer has trouble finding his early bearings on his home debut, with the Dons' defence looking similarly scattyracu. DOON

**Premiership:** Newcastle United 2, Wimbledon 0

## Shearer makes himself at home

EWCASTLE fans love to wallow in whatever emotion tappens to grip them at any given time. Last night, after the hype of Alan Shear-er's £15 million signing and humiliation of Wembley and Goodison, they finally had something to cheer. In the third minute when

David Batty scored a remark-able goal, and not just be-cause of it, roars cascaded cause of it, roars cascaded

Balance and rhythm has the empty net, the ball crashdown from the steep seats but been Keegan's problem of ing in off the underside of the late. He addressed the faultconvince those with doubts lines in his theory of attack.

That raised Magpie spirits build on that experience with

remain questions about the back four. Shearer's superb free-kick two minutes from time, which brought him his first league goal for his new club, should not disguise the fact that Wimbledon would have been level at that stage but for Gayle's needless touch a minute earlier, after Clarks had beaten Smicek and the ball was rolling in.

about Kevin Keegan's side. ing football by dropping His-That may sound harsh, as lop, Beresford and Gillespie Newcastle had a multitude of opportunities, but there Smicek, Elliott and Asprilla. Shearer was playing in front of the home fans for the first time and ran with the enthusiasm of a debutant for El-liott's speculative ball in the third minute. He made the chase count, pressuring Sulli-van to leave his line and box. Consequently Sullivan had to head clear but the ball went straight to Batty who, from 35 yards, side-footed high into

early and Newcastie duly ca-recred forward as of old. Wat-son, Batty and Lee all flashed shots narrowly wide and shors harrowly wide and Shearer met a Ginola cross on the full but sent it just over.

Shearer and Asprilla, also went down in search of penalties but, thanks to a leyt juicy tackles, wimbledon gradually established a presence. Then minutes before half-time Dons' best effort but his looping header from Jones' chip was too soft to beat Synicals.

Howey like a dog beginning sheep while Albert was booked for a trip on the Win-

There was little and product, however, and Holdsworth was citize seen with head in hands Sheater hand have felt the same when he smacked the ball past Seffi-van only to see the fing unifer

European Cup qualifying, 2nd leg Alania Vladikavkaz 2 Rangers 7 (agg 3-10)

## **McCoist** spree

ANGERS produced an exceptional performance yesterday when Walter Smith's team qualified for the Champions' League by an unforeseen margin; no Scottish team had ever visited European opponents of com-perable status and inflicted

such damage. The Ibrox side subdued the Russians in a conclusive opening burst, with McCoist scoring a hat-trick from four touches in the first half.

fouches in the first half.
First, Rangers won possession immediately after Alania had kicked off and the ball was played down the right to Cleiand. The full-back's cross was long and diagonal and McCoist, at the gallop, met it perfectly to head it to the left of Khapov from 12 yards.

Fits second also a header.

His second, also a header, came from Albertz's centre from the left after good work

Yanovsky, Alania's scorer in Glasgow, pulled one back, the influential midfielder beating Goram with a fierce left-foot drive from the edge of the penalty area. But McCoist restored the two goal lead when he rolled the ball into an entiry ret after Ven Ven an empty net after Van Vos-sen had burst clear.

Suleimanov brought a little relief to the home side with a penalty, but Van Vossen then struck to make it 4-2 at half-

time.
Faudrup, ignoring the bewing McCoist after running on to Van Vossen's pass, 
not the ball round Khapov 
for the fifth. He repeated the 
fatigit near the end when he 
just away a rebound after 
Dirie had hit the post, then 
he set up the seventh for 
Miller, a substitute.

Premiership: Man Utd 2, Everton 2

## Cruyff wakes up champions

Paul Fitzpatrick

UNCAN Ferguson, who did so much to wreck Newcastle United's start of the season on Satur-day, continued his destruc-tive ways at Old Trafford last night. The Scottish striker undermined United on the ground and in the air, scoring wice in a five-minute spell in the first half.

It was a clinical example of finishing for United, who had that point but had been unable to take them. Cruyff missed one of them, but was to make up for it with a superb headed goal 20 minutes from time, and then in the 82nd minute United equalised when Unsworth turned Irwin's shot into his own net. Poborsky almost marked his first Premiership game for United with a goal after 14 minutes, and a cool one it would have been too. Significantly, Giggs provided the cantly, Giggs provided the chance. The Welshman had found difficulty slipping the close attentions of Short early on, but as soon as he did Everton were in trouble. From the cross Poborsky was only inches from chipping over the stranded Southall and into the net

fore half-time. It was a beauty, too, and it came from Ferguson who until then had been afforded few opportunities by United's central de-fenders Pallister and May.

run out of ideas but then threaded the ball to Ferguson. His back to goal, the Scotsman turned and sent a shot out of Schmeichel's reach. It was a real shock for United, who had looked so secure defensively up to that point. And worse was to fol-low when Ferguson got his

second five minutes later. This time he showed his prowess in the air although provess in the air although Schmeichel, who had earlier been booked for protesting to the referse, looked at fault as Hinchcliffe's cross came over from the left and Ferguson was there to nod the ball into the roof of the net. United brought on McClair

way until the 70th minute when Cruyff, from Irwin's cross, beat Southall with the

the net.

Everton remained under the greater pressure but it was the Merseysiders who took the lead 10 minutes be-

West Ham 1, Coventry 1

## West Ham parry Big Ron's rocket by Southgate

Martin Thorpe

sively assembled side finally succumbed to pressure on the pound last night when a second-half pummeling by West Ham claimed a point after the Sky Blues had taken an early lead. "Not acceptable" was the Coventry chairman Bryan

OVENTRY's expen-

Richardson's verdict after Saturday's opening 3-0 defeat at home to Nottingham For-est. After spending £18 mil-lion in the 17 months since Ron Atkinson became manager the board was expecting more than yet another struggle with relegation last season and a thumping in the It was clear early on last night that Big Ron had risen

to the insult and put a rocket up his team's expensive back-sides. Four players were dropped from Saturday's de-bacle and the new line-up pre-dictably came out fighting. They expertly closed down. West Ham and moved the ball forward quickly. And after told and the equaliser came putting on the squeeze they extracted a goal after 12 minutes. Their new Belgian wing-back Genaux played a quick, Ducros, whose deep cross was met perfectly by the head of the £3 million McAllister.

most of their expensive imports - Raduciolu, Dumitrescu and Hall — plus four others from the squad, all

through injury.
But slowly they came back into the game, with Dicks the danger, three times forcing impressive saves from the veteran Ogrizovic as the Cov-entry defence dangerously allowed the shaven-headed full-back time and space to aim from the edge of the area. Nine minutes into the second half, to a rousing wel-come, West Ham brought on Futre, once labelled the "new Manadona", for his first com-

petitive game for the club.
Long troubled by injury,
the former AC Milan striker
is at Upton Park on a "see is at Upton Park on a "see how he does" arrangement. With his first touch he did well, nutmegging Telfer and running 30 yards before laying off the ball to Dowle.

Dowie later found the net with a header but the hand of God had already been raised for offside and the striker was booked for ignoring it.

to Rieper, whose accurate shot from inside the area clever ball out to the right to the home-grown youngster Ducros, whose deep cross was met perfectly by the head of the £3 million McAllister.

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Aston Villa 1, Blackburn 0

## Rovers unhinged on money talks

Chris Moore

ARETH SOUTHGATE came home last night after his Wembley nightmare in Euro 96 to secure Villa's first Premiership points of the season with a spectacular winner.

His 64th-minute thunderbolt sends Blackburn into Sunday's derby with Man-chester United fearing their season is in danger of being

season is in danger of being undermined by post-Shearer syndrome as they fired blanks.

To add to Blackburn's wee, rumours were circulating last night that Kenny Dalglish has quit as Ewood Park's director of football.

Both sides had been left in Both sides had been left in the starting blocks on Saturday with opening-day defeats and were clearly intent on making up the lost ground. Villa almost drew first blood in the eighth minute as Yorke sprang the offside trap and found Staunton, who picked out Taylor with a cross to the far rost. Taylor outlingmed far post. Taylor outjumped Kenna but his header was tipped over by Flowers. Rovers, with Warhurst pre-

ferred up front to the former Villa striker Graham Fenton, similarly had the Holte hearts missing a beat in the 13th minute. Their captain Tim Sherwood, who earlier in the day had signed a new fiveyear contract to end specula-

tion of a move to Arsenal burst through on a solo run and was only fractionally high with a deflected shot from the edge of the area. Coleman twice rescued Rovers with timely interventions as VIIIa began to pose the greater threat, with Yorks

into the side netting from a short free kick. Villa maintained the pressure and almost gained their reward in the closing minute of the first half. Taylor was again first to Townsend's cor-ner and Gallacher, in trying to clear his header, succeeded only in slicing the ball against the underside of his own crossbar, but it

rebounded to safety. Villa protested that the ball had

crossed the line but the refer es and a linesman turned down their appeals. But in the 65th minute Villa were ahead. Townsend's corwere anesal. Townsend's cor-ner was half cleared twice, allowing Southeate's thunder-ous finish to leave Flowers floundering. It was the Eng-land defender's second Pre-miership goal for Villa, hav-ing scored in the ing scored in the corresponding fixture last

## PFA pessimistic

THE PFA chief execu-tive Gordon Taylor bers six places a week at yesterday conceded Lilleshall's rehabilitation that he was pessimistic about reaching agreement tomorrow with the Football League over its allocation of money to the union from the Sky television deal. Strike ballot-papers have already been printed and will be sent to some 2,500 sweeping a 28th-minute effort PFA members next week if

the talks in Manchester fail.
"No progress has been made since the Football League chose to change the agreement regarding us agreement regarding us receiving 10 per cent television money to [giving us] a future payment left to their discretion," said Taylor. "It is not a situation we are prepared to live with."

He added that PFA-funds coherens funded schemes such as community programmes, youth training and medical

Rovers' chairman, said: "We are delighted to an-nounce that he has agreed terms for a three-year ex-tension to his contract, a five-year deal from now." The FA are awaiting Sunderland's explanation of bow they came to play the suspended Alex Rae in three pre-season friendlies. The midfielder had a han hanging over from last sea-son with his former club Millwall.

centre will not be affected.

Sherwood yesterday agreed a new five-year deal with the club. Robert Coar,

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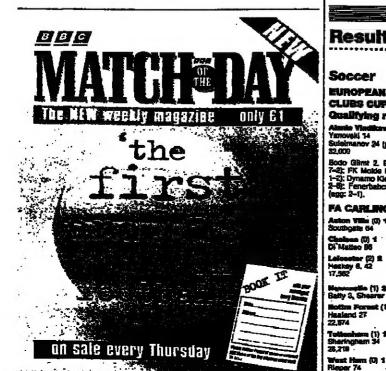
An FA spokesman said: "Sunderland contacted us when they realised that Rae should perhaps not have youth training and medical been playing. It looks as insurance would be hit if the money were not forth-coming. However, the £90,000 scheme launched been playing. It looks as though they may have acted in all innocence, which will probably help their case."

#### Unhappy Brolin leaves Leeds

Tomas Brolin's unhappy spell at Leeds United came to an end yesterday when he joined the Swiss premier division side FC Zurich on loan for the rest of the season. The Swedish international never settled at Elland Road after his £4.25 million move from the Italian club Parma

At his best a spectacular player, the 26-year-old striker never displayed the form ex-pected of him and became a regular on the substitutes'

Plagued by injuries and lack of fitness, he missed the final two games of last season and returned to Sweden for an ankle operation.



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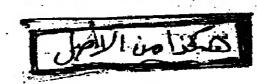
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## England picadors need a matador a Wallaby

IGH UP at The Oval there is a media eyrle, and once a puffed-out

Yesterday Union Flags and flags of St George fluttered jauntily in the breeze, and the Houses of Parliament. Gothic and preening, could just be seen as well as the austere MI5 building. There was jin-goism in the rarefied air and tle people below an earful of Henry V. Perhaps the Eng-land coach David Lloyd should take his players up

Down at ground level, life looks more tricky. England must beat Pakistan in the third and final Cornhill Test, which starts today, to level the series 1-1, and they look unlikely to do so. The Oval has not been bad

to England. They have won 31 of their 78 Tests here, with only 14 defeats. The victories in 1991 when Phil Tufnell and David Lawrence bowled out West Indies, in 1993 when Australia went down by 161 runs, and in 1994 when Devor Malcolm bowled out South Af rica stand out in the memory.

On the other hand England have won only one of their last 18 Tests against Pakistan; and since 1965, when split tours were introduced in this country, there have been 2 three-match series and only once has a side come back from 0-1 to level the series.

Lloyd and the England car tain Mike Atherion said all the right things yesterday but the mood was one of grim op timism and the battle cry was more of a battle mutter.

Atherton and Raymond Illingworth have improved the professionalism of this side and Lloyd has done much for the players' enthusiasm, but Pakistan remain clearly the

They have perhaps the best two fast bowlers in their history, Wasim Akram and Wagar Younis, and a match-winning leg-spinner, Mushtaq Ahmed Against those, England have seamers who resemble a bunch of picadors looking for a matador, and Inn Salisbury, despite his improved control, has yet to prove his case at this level.

There was little firm team news yesterday, although Atherton confirmed that in the likely event of England playing just one slow bowler it would be the leg-spinner Salisbury and not the off-spinner Robert Croft. They will



Every pitch tells a story . . . the Pakistanis get a feel of The Oval turf yesterday; England are hoping for a pacy track

hope to bat first so that Alec Stewart can open the imings. Pakistan's captain Wasim taken only five wickets in this hinted that the fast bowler Mohammad Akram might becoming the 11th bowler to into them. It would be nice to come into the side in place of Ata-ur-Rehman. He also praised Moin Khan's wicketkeeping at Headingley, where he weighed in with a handy wickets in the county games. In the last game Rashid Latif, the first-choice because of a side strain but layed. The batsman Aamir So-hail, recovered from his hand injury, will replace Shadab Kabir at the top of the order.

"I hope I can take care of that in the first innings," he

said. "I have been getting I'm okay now. I'm hoping tomorrow will be my day." England will be hoping that the pitch, which should have more pace than those at Lord's and Leeds, might un-

as possible," he added, alluding to Inzamam-ul-Haq.

Lloyd is anxious that England should build on the slen-der psychological advantage they topped Pakistan's big first innings total. "We fight rearguard actions well. Now we must go to the next stage and start winning matches."

so that he can remind them of those before the same. minor county but is aligible "I did it at Lancashire years ago. Self-expression is impor-tant. And it's important not to

dwell on what you can't do." It can only be hoped that not too many were left sucking their pencils and staring at a blank piece of paper.

The former England spinwon at Headingley, where ner John Childs is retiring from first-class cricket at the

end of this season. The 45year-old slow left-arm bowler has taken more than 1,000 first-class wickets, including Waqar, formerly of Surrey. Lord's and Leeds, might unwill feel at home at The Oval settle the Pakistan batsmen to write down what they bebut some sensed yesterday who feel more at home when lieve are their strong points. 604 for Esser. ● Ed Giddins, the Sussex bowler suspended for 20

months for taking cocaine, cannot play for a county or

for club cricket and could return to Eastbourne in the The former England opener Graeme Fowler has become senior coach at Durham University centre of

ENGLAND (from): †A J Sarwert, N Hussain, G P Thorpe, J P Crewley, N V Knight, C C Lawis, I D K Salesbury, D G Cork, A R Caddick, A D Mulleity, R D B Croft.

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## series coup

**England bag** 

Robert Armstrong

NGLAND will play
Australia twice a season for the next seven
years, on a home and away basis in July and November, as a result of an histhe first series of annual Tests between nations from the northern and the south-

The Australian RFU has also left the door open for a Test against England at Twickenham this December 7 if the Barbarians agree to its replacing their scheduled match with the tourists.

Yesterday the ARFU executive confirmed that England will play in Australia each July shortly before the start of Australia's Tri-Nations series involving New Zealand and South Africa. Under the agreement there will be a return match at Twickenham each November from 1997-2003.

Meanwhile, in addition to matches against Scotland and Ireland planned for this November the Wallabies have agreed to play Wales at Car-diff Arms Park, provided the Irish RFU brings forward the Dublin Test by seven days to November 23 and the Welsh agree to play on November 30. Tests against Wales and England would afford Austra-

lia the opportunity to achieve a British Isles Grand Slam, a feat they pulled off in 1984. However, the Barbarians, under the astute guidance of Mickey Steele-Bodger, may have their own designs on a quartet of international vic-

tories by the end of 1996. The invitation club play Wales in Cardiff on Saturday, having already beaten Ireland in May and Scotland last Saturday, and they would relish

Wallabies. There is no doubt

eated 75,000 sell-out. John O'Neill, the ARFU chief executive, will now try to persuade the RFU to open talks with the Barbarians about giving England pride of place on December 7. But yes-terday RFU sources were far from sure that the Barbarians should be leaned on to give up

their prestige fixture. No matter the outcome of that, England's long-term deal with Australia is a timely reminder to their Five Nations rivals that Twickenham has bigger fish to fry elsewhere. England are still seeking read mission to the competition for the coming season after angering the home unions with their separate television deal with BSkyB.

So far the unions have

steered clear of the courts in their efforts to resolve the impasse, but RFU debenture-holders, alarmed at the prospect of forfeiting Five Nations fixtures, may well seek a High Court injunction to prevent England's exclusion by their erstwhile partners.

As matters stand, Wales, Scotland and Ireland still intend to forge ahead with plans for a new international com-France and, perhaps, Italy, should England fail to toe the collective line by the end of next week

· Hemi Taylor's shoulder injury yesterday ruled him out of Saturday's match against with his place going to the Ebbw Vale captain Kingsley two uncapped open-side flank-ers. Martyn Williams, the Pontypridd 20-year-old, and the No. 8 Steve Williams complete a revamped back row which the Wales coach Kevin Bowring bopes will accentua Twickenham clash with the late the fast and open style of

#### Scots make Hastie decision

SCOTLAND have ap-pointed the 61-year-old Arthur Hastie as team manager in succession to Jim Telfer, who stood down to concentrate on his duties as to the 1999 World Cup the SRU's salaried director

Hastie, whose non-salaseason, has managed Scot-land A for two seasons and said yesterday: "I share Jim Telfer's philosophy of trying to play a continuity game."

former Scotland flanker John Jeffrey, the coaches Richie Dixon and David Johnston — both appointed on three-year contracts up and Colin Fisher.

Hastie's role will be largely administrative. giving the coaches more responsibility," said Scotland's convener of rugby Duncan Paterson. business of rugby is now Hastie will chair a selection panel comprising the a multiplicity of tasks."

## Championship

Somerset v Durham

#### Rose blights Durham but Cox bites back

SOMERSET's veteran all-brounder Graham Rose had his second sevenwicket return of the season on an entertaining first day of their match at Weston-super-Mare which saw almost 400 runs scored.

The medium-pacer ripped out the heart of Durham's hatting with a 31-ball spell in which he took five for 15 runs. But the wooden-spoon team bit back to muster 326, with the 23-year-old left-hander David Cox stranded only five short of a maiden century as Rose finished with seven for 73. Somerset replied positively to reach 71 for one — Cox, inevitably, dismissing

Marcus Trescothick (33) with his left-arm spin. Durham, put in to bat by Peter Bowler on a pitch showing signs of early moisture, had begun brightly with the West Indian Sherwin Campbell (69) and Stew-

art Hutton (37) sharing an opening stand of 103.
But Rose revived home hopes to have Durham struggling at 170 for six. Enter Cox, to add 53 with David Ligertwood and 54 with Simon Brown.

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## **Cup warning**

Michael Britten in Stuttgart

Severiano Ballesteros had an uncompromising message for Europe's top players on the eve of the Volvo German Open here at Nippenburg yesterday. It amounted to a demand that all of them, the United Statesbased Nick Faldo included, make a major effort to qualify for the 1997 Ryder Cup at Valderrama when the pro-gramme starts next week. gramme starts next week.

"Some players may think it does not matter if they qualify and that they'll be picked in any case," said the Europe captain. "They might be in for a shock."

Pulletters who can salest

Ballesteros, who can select two players to make up the 12strong team, does not want his hands tied in the same way as his predecessor Ber-nard Gallacher last year. When qualifying for the 1995 match ended at this tournament 12 months ago Faldo, lan Woosnam and Jose-Maria Okazabai had failed to finish among the top 10 and Gal-

gomerie in the Volvo rank-ings, is on holiday with his family in the Caribbean.

lacher had to make Faldo a captain's choice for the third time, and Olazahal for the fourth time in five years. The unfit Spaniard was later replaced by Woosnam. 'Nick should come over to

Europe and play a bunch of tournaments that will help him qualify," said Balles-teros, who stressed he would show no favours, not even for Olazabal who has been out of action for almost 12 months. "I don't want a team full of big names, I want the form players. You don't win matches with names, you win them only with games."

One big name missing this week is Colin Montgomerie, winner for the past two years.

The European No. 1 has had to forfeit the opportunity to join Faldo (Irish Open) and Woosnam (Monte Carlo) as the only players to complete a treble in the past 25 years, because his father is ill. Sam Torrance, runner-up last year and second to Mont-

Seve fires Ryder Baiocchi pans for old gold Injured Becker

**David Davies** on the belated return of the South African who is no longer a forty-niner

August 17, Hugh Baiocchi blinked awake and thought: "Td better be careful getting out of bed. At my age I might strain something." It was the South African's 50th birthday; a landmark for anyone, but particularly so for a professional golfer, for whom it represents the

chance to start anew. In fact if the golfer is good enough it represents the chance to make more money than he ever dreamed possible, as the seniors tours in America and Europe provide fresh competitive opportunities.
This week Baiocchi will make his seniors debut in the PGA Seniors Championship at The Belfry, Sutton Coldfield, hoping to win the £25,000 first prize from the £150,000 pot; not big money yet, but bearing compari-son with the day, in 1983, when he won the State Ex-press Classic over this same

SATURDAY | cheque for £15,000 from a prize-fund of £100,000. The European Seniors Tour is worth £1.5 million from 13 events, minuscule when compared with its United States equivalent

which this year offers a staggering £26 million. Tommy Horton, the leading money winner in Europe with £80,000 this year, is confident that Europe will reach 25 million by 2000 but it is unlikely ever to challenge its American

challenge its American counterpart.

That is why, after playing at The Belfry and in Aberdeen in two weeks' time, Baiocchi will head for the United States where he will try to "four spot". He is not eligible to play the US Tour so he will have to try to qualify on Mondays, when more than 100 golfers chase more than 100 golfers chase the four places available in

much money in his first full year there as he did in his entire career on the regular European Tour.

Baiocchi's compatriot John Bland won again last week to take his total earnings in his first year there to over \$1 million. "I have to think," says Baiocchi, who won seven times in Europe compared with Bland's one, "that every time we tee it up I'd have a 50-50 chance of beating him. But getting on to that tour is the problem."

For now he is content to be back in Europe, where he struggled when he last played the regular Tour in 1993. In seniors golf 50-year-olds have a clear advantage over 55-year-olds, and so on, and Baiocchi is the new kid on the block. "I do have a little bit of a

track record when it comes to competing," he says, referring to his 18 wins worldwide. "But I'm not sure what's going to happen When I tee it up for the first yet, but bearing comparison with the day, in 1983, when he won the State Express Classic over this same course and took away a has since won almost as when he first went to America, and he come a gibbering idiot. But I do know I'll have to play some decent golf to win."

misses US Open ORIS BECKER, the Australian Open champion, has withdrawn from

next week's US Open at Flushing Meadow. The Ger-man world No. 5 is still suffering from the wrist injury he sustained at Wimbledon. Yevgeny Kafelnikov, the French Open champion who withdrew from this week's Hamlet Cup in New York, is doubtful after he strained a rib in practice and was advised to rest for three days.

Also missing will be France's world No. 12 Mary Pierce, who has a shoulder injury, and the American world No. 20 Meredith McGrath,

who has a damaged knee.
However, Michael Chang
must have been surprised to
find himself hot on the heels of Pete Sampras yesterday when the US Tennis Association took a leaf out of Wimble-don's book and deviated from the ATP rankings in formulating the men's seedings.
Chang, the world No. 3, is seeded second and the clay-court master Thomas Muster drops to No. 3.

The tournament chairman, the USTA president Les Sny-der, said officials wanted the seedings to be a more accurate predictor and they took into account players' recent performances and hard-court records. "Players can get on a hot streak and I think that should be taken into account," he said.

Tim Henman, who defeated

at Wimbledon, survived a match point against the No. 14 seed Paul Haarhuis to reach the second round of the the Canadian Open in Toronto yesterday. The world No. 37 enjoyed a 6-2, 2-6, 7-6 victory over the Dutchman.

Over the Dutchman.

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Y. Krafickov (Rus); 8, J. Courier (US); 9,
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12, M. Baleova (Bull); 13, B. SchotlinMcCarthy (Neth); 14, B. Pankas (Aul); 15,
G. Sabedini (Arp); 16, M. Hingle (Switz).

#### Sport in brief

Cycling

Graeme Obree will not defend Graeme Obree will not defend his world track title in Manchester next week, on medical advice. The Scot, who retained his 4,000 metres pursuit title last year, has a viral infection. He hopes to return for October's world time-trial championship in Lugano. championship in Lugano.

**Athletics** 

Thanks to "a great sponsor" which Primo Nebiolo did not which Primo Nebiolo aid not name, a bonus of \$100,000 (£65,000) will be paid to any world record breaker at next year's world championships in Athens, the IAAF president

round victory over the world's best women players in their annual challenge match at the London Hilton, writes Leonard Barden. The veterans lead 13-12 halfway through the £20,000 series sponsored by a Dutch computer millionaire.

Rugby League

The 28-year-old Tongan prop Lee Hansen is set to leave Widnes for Wigan, writes Paul Fitzpatrick. The clubs are close to an end-of-season deal. The only firm offer yet made for Warrington's unsettled stand-off or full-back lestyn Harris is a rejected bid of £350,000 from Saracens.

former world champions and Garden to stay on course for a candidates scored a 3-2 fifth- December match with the 40-

year-old Sugar Ray Leonard who is planning a comeback after an expensive divorce. Snooker Twice in 24 hours the way-

ward former world champion Alex Higgins has scratched Alex higgins has scratched from world-ranking events because he objected to the referees. It happened yesterday in a qualifying round of the British Open at Blackpool, which was to be refereed by the experienced John Williams, and the previous day at a Thailand Open match to be refereed by Lawrie Annandale. refereed by Lawrie Annandale.

Swimming Beverley Whitfield Anstra-lia's Olympic 200 metres Melanie Easter, 20, took Brit-breaststroke champion in ain's seventh swimming gold

## Wiscombe's emotional gold

HE first medal for competitors with learning disabilities went to Britain's Tracy Wiscombe, who took the 100 metres freestyle gold in a world-record 1min 05.31sec. Her victory was an emo-tional one after a week of con-troversy here in which the chairman of the British Paralympic Association, Bernard Atha, attacked the organisers for failing to publicise this

year-old Noel Thatcher took gold and broke the world re-cord in the 10,000m T11 (visu-ally impaired) class with

2min 20.27sec. Maidenhead's Deanna Coates, 42, took the standing air rifle after the contest went to the final shot. Coates then scoring 10.7 (10.9 is the maximum) for a score of 101.3 to clinch victory over China's

Nan Zhang.
The British men's basketball team, the European champions, reached the quarter-finals with a 56-51 defeat

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## Blues welcome Di Matteo

IANLUCA VIALLI ing when he is go-ing to meet one of those weak and naive defences which are supposed to abound in the

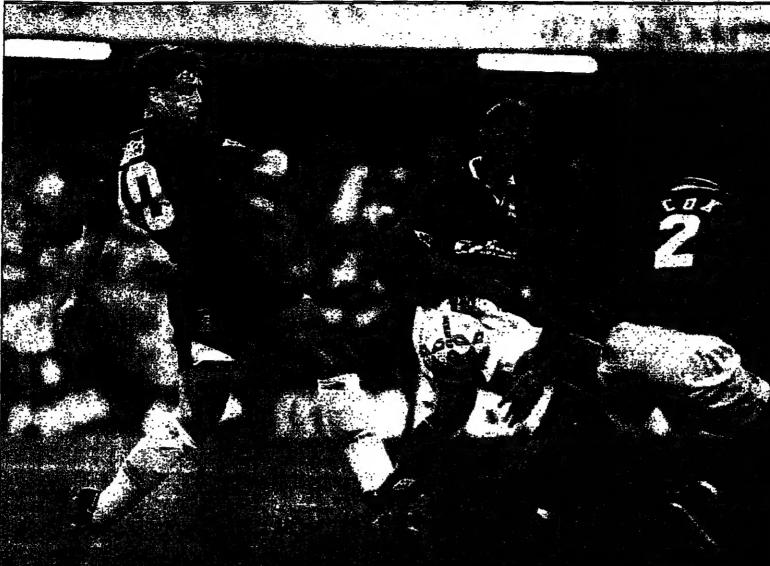
Having been denied a goal at Southampton on Sunday. Chelsea's Italian striker ran into some solid Middles-brough resistance at Stamford Bridge last night. Not that Fabrizio Ravanelli.

Vialli's erstwhile partner in the Juventus attack, found life any easier against Chelsea's new French sweeper Franck Leboeuf. As a result, a and imaginatively in midfield struggled to produce a goal at either end until Roberto di Matteo put Chelsea ahead five minutes from the end with a low, skidding shot from 25

Chelsea's 5-0 home win against Middlesbrough in February seemed rather more months distant last night as Italians, Brazilians, a Frenchman and a Romanian turned London SW6 into the Premiership's Latin quarter. Middlesbrough were now better equipped to trade goals after the signing of Ravanelli. For Chelsea goals remained a matter of theory following the scoreless draw away to South-

They had already seen the difference a genuine sweeper, Leboeuf, could make to the tempo and pattern of their football. Now Stamford Bridge awaited Vialli's response to Ravanelli's instant hat-trick against Liverpool. However it was Chelsea's

other Italian signing Di Mat-teo, who initially caught the eye. With each team employing five in midfield, players who could bring the ball out of the crowd and use it conto be influential, as Di soon demonstrated.



Spark into life  $\dots$  Mark Hughes of Chelsea directs the play at Stamford Bridge last night as Neil Cox settles for a bit part

were glad to clear.

which he then carried on to send Vialli clear of Pearson structively were always going himself before producing a and would have done had the dragged his man down. A yel- Just before the half-hour he

Then after 20 minutes a low card followed: 10 vards | instigated an attack which minute old when he began a finely angled through pass further on and it might have saw Hughes, Petrescu, and move with Wise and Vialli from Di Matteo was designed been red. Still Di Matteo's runs from the right. As Wise's the second half there was the deep held out more cross dipped into the goal even more urgent need of a promise of a Chelsea goal mouth Di Matteo was there goal to thicken the plot. Jun-

with a shot which Miller tipped over the bar. Ravanelli's first real opportunity arrived 11 minutes be-fore half-time. Having recovered from a painful encounter with Di Matteo, he found himself clear and onside after Whyte's long pass had caught Chelsea on the break. A goal seemed likely as Ravanelli-bore down on Kharine, but he

orre down on Kharme, but he dragged his shot wide.
Vialli brought the crowd to its feet soon afterwards when he flicked up Petrescu's centre to the far post before volleying the ball into the side netting. With Barmby putting Juninho through, only for Di Matteo to tackle the little Bra-zilian as he was about to shoot, the football remained rich in attacking fisir.

Yet as Ravanelli and Vialli

put headers over the bar in the space of a minute early in goal to thicken the plot. Jun-inho threatened to end the deadlock after Barmby's pass had seen him sprint clear of Di Matteo into an unguarded Chelsea half, but Clarke was still able to make a covering

By this time, with Emerson starting to steal the midfield from Di Matteo, Middlesbrough were pressing home their attacks with more con-

viction than Chelses.
Hughes, however, would surely have given Chelses the lead in the 66th minute had he not been a fraction too far for-

## Devon major in the minors



Frank Keating

PALPITATING last day of Minor Counties cricket, in which incrossed the land as if by bush telegraph, ended last night with mobile phones finally being laid in their silent scab-bards as the respective regional champions emerged as Devon and Norfolk, who will meet on September 8-9. In the west, Devon beat Cornwall by 46 runs at Truro while Hereford, the upstart front runners all summer, fall at the last against Wales by three wickets. In the east, Nor-folk lost to Suffolk by 10 runs at Mildenhall yet had just enough points in the bag to thwart a charge by Buckingbamshire and Cambridgeshire.

Yesterday's eastern dash for the wire featured three of the competition's most stalwart counties down the cen-tury. Norfolk were the loaugural winners 101 years ago, Buckinghamahire were seek ing their 10th title yesterday and Cambridgeshire have particularly been a force in recent years by reaching six

finals since 1987. region's grand finale yester-day to which romantics tuned. The fine journalist and sometime good Somerset opener Peter Roebuck has led Devon with his challenging mixture of cerebral cunning and hardnosed nous to two successive outright titles, and was

looking yesterday to present his adopted county with their fifth trophy in five years. Herefordshire were elected a Minor County only on Durham's elevation in 1992, since when, in spite of comforting fanfares each springtime, Durham have been hand-wringing mutts and are dolefully expecting a fourth wooden spoon in five seasons in the big time. Meanwhile the unconsidered

Minor County on the Welsh Borders have in their turn made their curtsy with a stir-ringly precoclous zest, qualify-ing for the Nat West in 1994, reaching the Lord's final last summer, and dancing a merry jig through 1996, unbeaten until yesterday. Significantly, yesterday's fulminating conclusions were designed for the first time to

designed for the first time to reach a simultaneous finish. This prevented any "youscratch-my-back" fiddling of bonus points in the annual scrap not only for regional honours but for the chance to

qualify for next season's NatWest Trophy. Regional triumph, and now on course for a third overall clean-sweep title, I suppose makes Roebuck — Oxford-born with a Cantab first — Devon's most celebrated cricket person since umpire emeritus David Shepherd.

Herefordshire folk, mean-while, will remind you that the grand Victorian hitter C I Thornton was born at Llanwern, Jack Sharp scored a double century for Herefordshire against Ledbury and was taken up by Lancashire (as well as Everton and England as a footballer) and scored a century for England against Australia in 1909 at The Oval but was never

picked again. This morning at The Oval as well, some real old-timers from Hereford will be thinking of another son born under the rosy-red cathedral's shadow: Reg Perks, who was picked for just one home Test in England, at Kennington in 1939, when he took five wickets in West Indies' only innings, and likewise was never picked again.

Arlott's best friends The weekend before that one appearance beneath the gasometers, Arlott played a benefit match for Perks at Much Marcle, near Ledbury. He borrowed Reg's bat and broke it, John said, hitting the only six of his

immortal with the opening verse of one of his most endur ing poems, Cricket at

In return Arlott made Perks

Dozing in deck-chair's gentle Through half-closed eyes I watched the cricket.

**Enowing the sporting press** would say Perks bowled well on a perfect

Topically for this very morning, another Hereford-shire cricketing man, whose family ancestors are still stalwarts of Ledbury CC, also began an epic poem at The Oval before the Ashes match of 1892, the Poet Laureate John Masefield no less.

Though wayward Time be changeful as Man's will, We have the game, we have The Oval still,

And still the gas-works mark the gas-works end And still our sun shines and

the rains descend. Not the latter, one hopes. And Hereford might not have won, but they made their mark all right in 1996.

## BECKSENTRICS

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passed it on to one of

his ancestors. Juergens:

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Russians and the

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DIETOF CHAMPIONS

At 72 years oldefrench grandfather Accept Flavole must be out of the world's oldest champions. And one of the more remarkable. In an age where sporting achievement is, auded in disciplines from running to beach valley ball to synchronised swimming, Monsieur Flavole may yet gain the recognition he truly deserves, And his triumph? He ate att 5in black pudding in under ten minutes. to beat off the competition in a arcage-eating contest in South-West France.

Jase Pinto had be sativing the seven miles to work in downtown Madrid on three years before the police stopped and arrested him. Dieschad been alerted by his employers who were concerned for Pinto's safety - as he was 95 percept blind. He had been stopped the previous year for not having a licence, but the eagle-eyed police failed to register his visual impairment - an easy oversight however, since his car was totally unscathed. He was released without charge.

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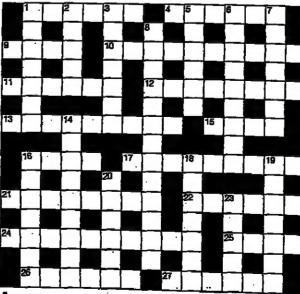
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#### Guardian Crossword No 20,738

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- good sense (9) 7 Did a rough job of cleaning (7) 8 Equipment bills include replacement meter (13)
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